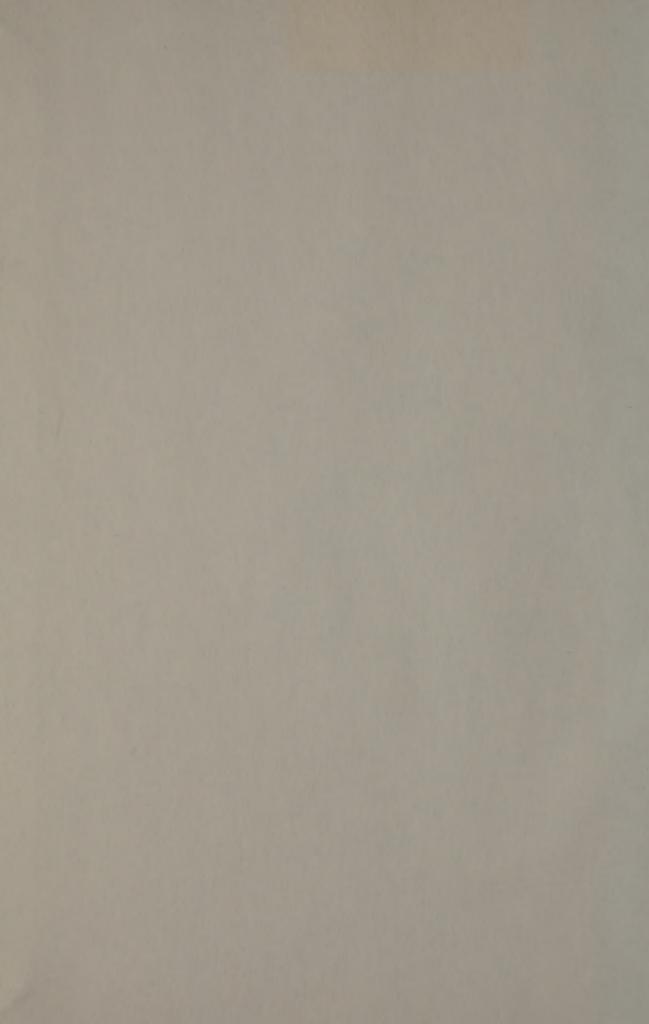
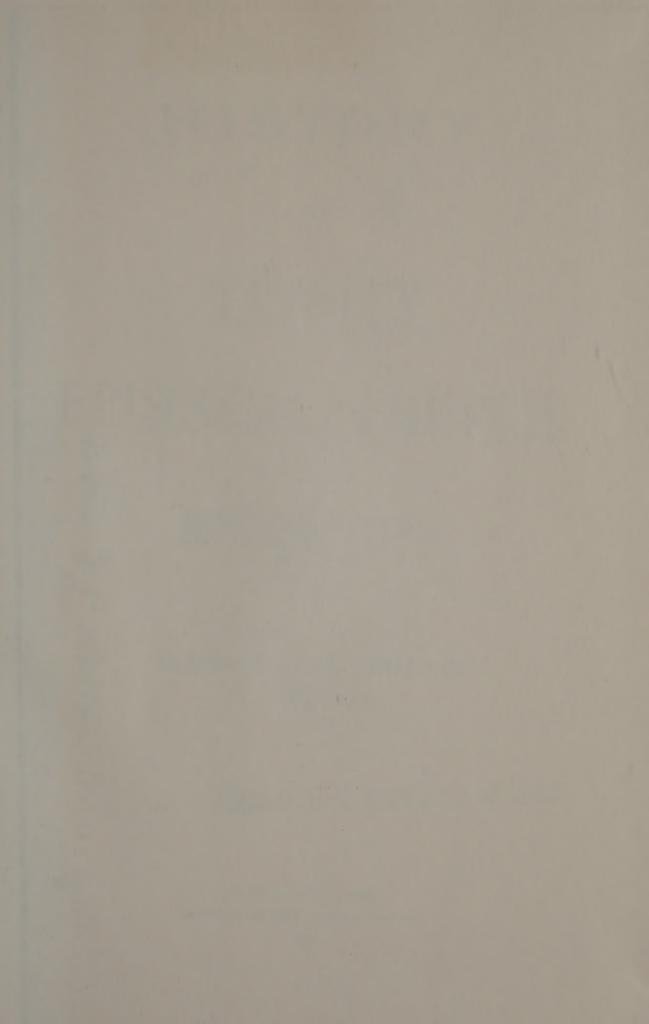


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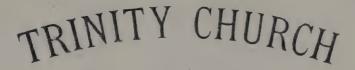
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MUSCATINE, IOWA,

JUBILEE SERVICE,

Sunday, May 1, 1892.

BEING

THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST CELEBRATION OF DIVINE SERVICE BY THE REV. Z. H. GOLDSMITH, IN OLD TRINITY CHURCH, WHICH WAS THE FIRST CHURCH OF OUR COMMUNION ERECTED IN IOWA, AND WAS BUILT WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MASONIC FRATERNITY.



Morning Service,

WITH SOME PLAIN DIRECTIONS.

The Congregation Stand to Sing Hymn 282, and Remain Standing during the Minister's Introductory Address.

Hymn 282.

CHRIST is made the sure foundation.
Christ the head and corner-stone.
Chosen of the Lord, and precious.
Binding all the Church in one,
Holy Sion's help forever,
And her confidence alone.

- 2 To this temple, where we call thee, Come, O Lord of hosts, to-day; With thy wont d loving kindness, Hear thy servants as they pray; And thy fullest benediction Shed within its walls alway.
- 3 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
 What they ask of thee to gain.
 What they gain from thee forever
 With the blessed to retain.
 And hereafter in thy glory
 Evermore with thee to reign.
- 4 Praise and honour to the Father.
 Praise and honour to the Son.
 Praise and honour to the Spirit.
 Ever Three, and ever One.
 One in might, and One in glory,
 While eternal ages run.

The Priest then reads a sentence of Scripture and this address,—all standing:

Dearly beloved, etc.

All then kneel down and repeat the Confession.

A General Confession.

To be said by the whole Congregation after the Minister, all kneeling.

A LMIGHTY and most merciful Father: We have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us.



But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore Thou those who are penitent, according to Thy promise declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Pather, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy name. Amen

The Declaration of Absolution, or Remission of Sins.

A LMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, hath given power, and commandment, to His ministers, to declare and pronounce to His people, being penitent. the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He pardoneth and absolveth all those who truly repent, and unfeignedly believe His holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech Him to grant us true repentence, and His Holy Spirit, that those things may please Him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to His eternal joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The People shall answer here, and at the end of every prayer. Amen,

* All then join in the Lord's prayer: "Our Father," etc. Versicle.—O. Lord, open Thou our lips.

Response.—And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

All Stand.

V.—Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R.—As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end Amen.

V.—Praise ye the Lord.

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R.—The Lord's name be praised.

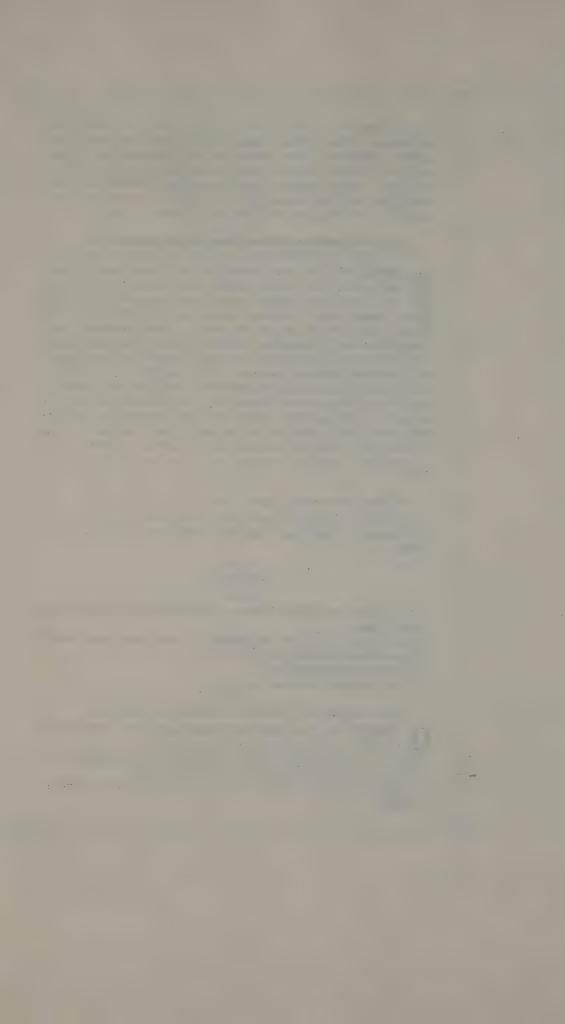
Then is sung this Canticle—all remain standing:

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving;

and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God; and a great King above all gods.



In his hand are all the corners of the earth; and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it; and his hands prepared

the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our maker.

For he is the Lord our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the

whole earth stand in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth; and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with his truth.

"Glory be to the Father," etc.

Then are said the Special Psalms. All standing.

Psalm 84. Quam dilecta!

O HOW amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts!

2. My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

3. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young; even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

4. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; they will

be always praising thee.

5. Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are thy ways.

6 Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well; and the pools are filled with water.

7. They will go from strength to strength, and unto the

God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

8. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O

God of Jacob.

A Rehold O God our defender, and look upon the face

9. Behold, O God our defender, and look upon the face of thine Anointed.

10. For one day in thy courts is better than a thousand.

11. I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my

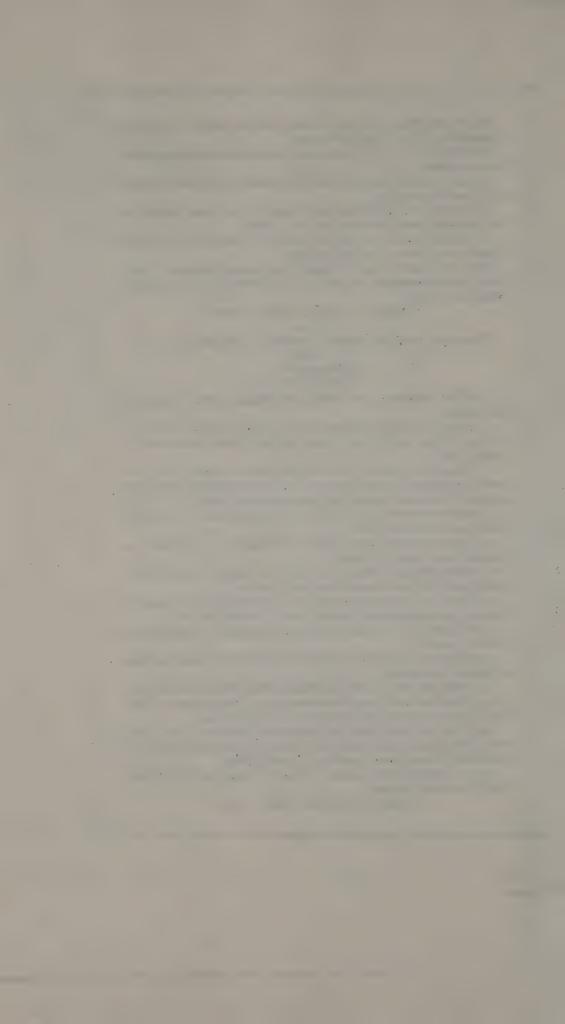
God, than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

12. For the Lord God is a light and defence; the Lord will give grace and worship; and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.

13. O Lord God of hosts, blessed is the man that put-

teth his trust in thee.

"Glory be to the Father, " etc.



Psalm 122.

Lietatus sum.

I WAS glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord.

2. Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself.
 For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord, to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the name

of the Lord.

5. For there is the seat of judgment, even the seat of

the house of David.

6. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall pros-

per that love thee.
7. Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within

thy palaces.

8. For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will wish thee pro perity.

9. Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do thee good.

"Glory be to the Father, " etc.

Psalm 48.

Magnus Dominus.

REAT is the Lord, and highly to be praised in the

Gity of our God, even upon his holy hill.

2. The hill of Sion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth; upon the north side lieth the city of the great King: God is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge.

3. For lo, the kings of the earth are gathered, and

gone by together

4. They marvelled to see such things; they were astonished, and suddenly cast down.

5. Fear came there upon them; and sorrow, as upon a woman in her travail.

6 Thou shalt break the ships of the sea through the east wind.

7. Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God; God upholdeth the same for ever.

8. We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God, in the

midst of thy temple.

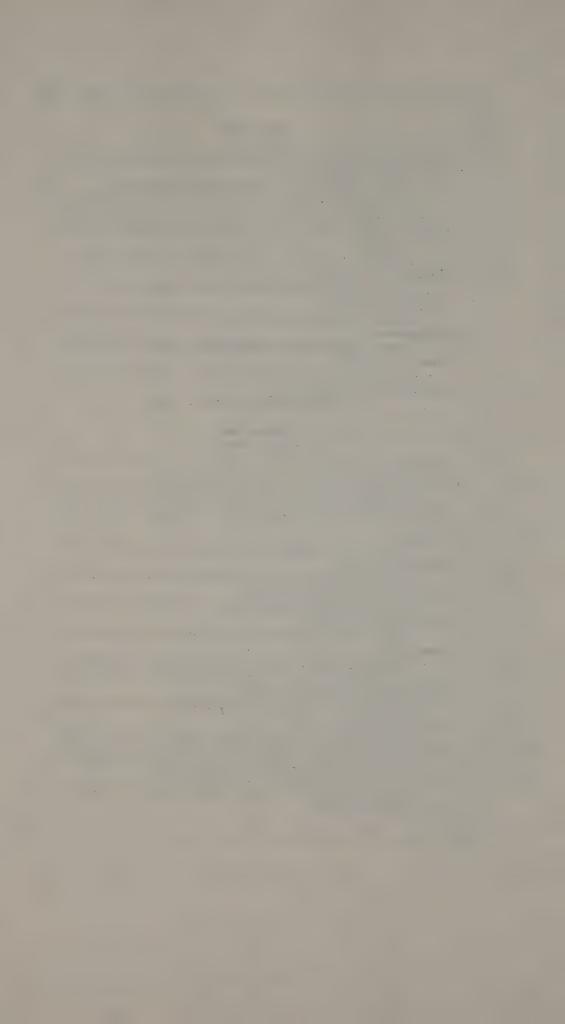
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9. O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end; thy right hand is full of righteousness.

10 Let the Mount Sion rejoice, and the daughter of

Judah be glad, because of thy judgments.

11. Walk about Sion, and go round about her; and tell the towers thereof.



12 Mark well her bulwarks, set up her houses, that ye may tell them that come after.

13. For this God is our God for ever and ever: he shall

be our guide unto death.

"Glory be to the Father," etc.

All then are seated during the reading of the First Lesson, and then stand up for the singing of the Te Deum.

Te Deum Landamus.

WE praise thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlast-

To thee, all angels cry aloud; the heavens and all the

To Thee, Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry.

Holy, Holy Lord God of Sabaoth.

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory. The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee.

The noble army of Martyrs praise Thee.

The Holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee.

The Father of an Infinite Majesty. Thine adorable, true and only Son. Also, the Holy Ghost, the Comforter. Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.

Thou art the Everlasting Son of the Father.

When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man, Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a virgin.

When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers. Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of

the Father.

We believe that Thou shalt come to be our judge.

We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with Thy saints, in glory

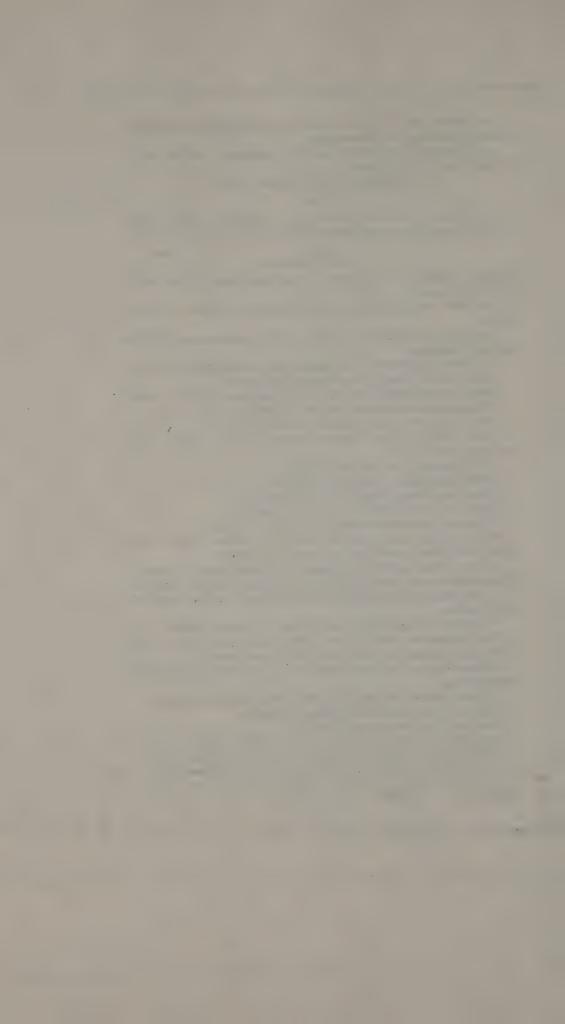
everlasting.

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine heritage. Govern them, and lift them up forever.

Day by day, we magnify thee.

And we worship Thy name ever, world without end. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in Thee.



O Lord, in Thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

The Second Lesson is then read, all being seated; and then all stand for the following Canticle, and the Apostle's Creed.

Psalm C. Jubilate Deo.

O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord He is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and

the sheep of His pasture.

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O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and speak good of His name.

For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth from generation to generation.

"Glory be to the Father," etc.

Then all recite together the Apostle's Creed.

BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell, the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

And after that, these prayers following, all devoutly kneeling; the Minister first pronouncing:

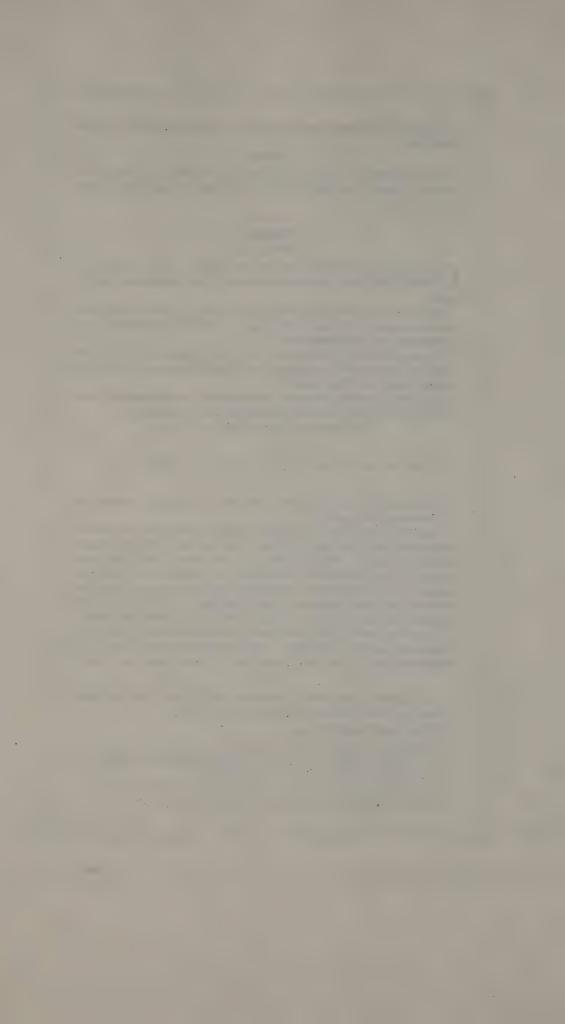
The Lord be with you.

Response.—And with thy spirit.

1.—Let us pray. O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us.

R,—And grant us Thy salvation.

 V_{\bullet} —O God, make clean our hearts within us. R_{\bullet} —And take not Thy holy spirit from us.



A Prayer for the President of the United States, and all in Civil Authority.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty ruler of the universe, who dost from Thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth, most heartily we beseech Thee, with Thy favor, to behold and bless Thy servant, the PRESIDENT of the United States, and all others in authority, and so replenish them with the grace of Thy holy spirit, that they may always incline to Thy will, and walk in Thy way. Endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts, grant them in health and prosperity long to live, and finally, after this life, to attain everlasting joy and felicity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom.

A LMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee, and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in Thy name Thou wilt grant their requests, fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petititions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Imen.

II Corinthians, xiii; 1/.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all, evermore. Amen.

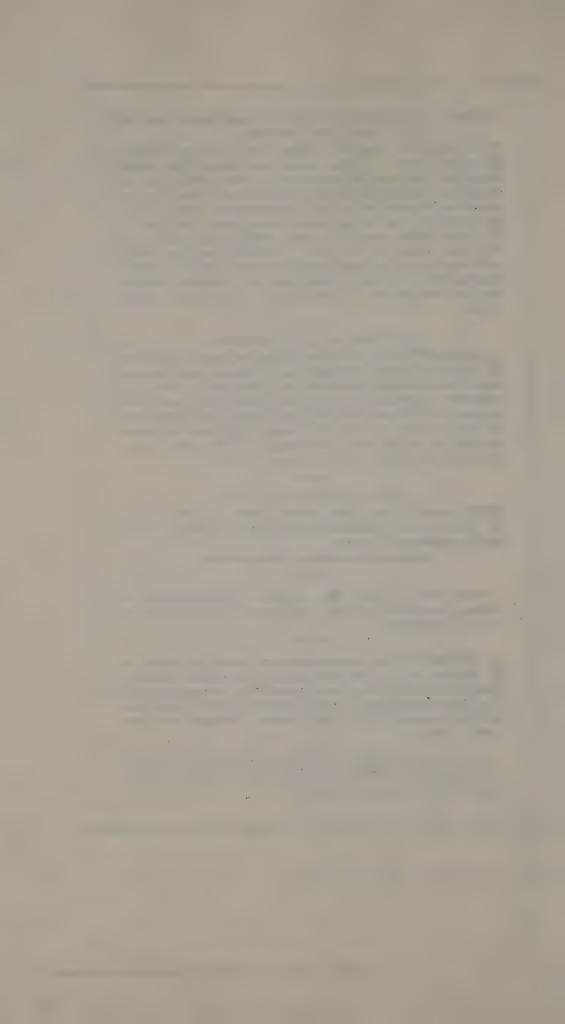
Here endeth the Order of Morning Prayer.

Then will be sung the Anthem. After which the Bishop goes up to the Altar and begins the service for the Holy Communion.

A LMIGHTY God, unto whom our hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy Holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Almen.

The Priest then turns to the people, and recites the Ten Commandments, after which, facing the Allar, he offers up the special Prayer, or Collect.

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Then follows the Epistle, and then the Gospel.

N. B.—The Congregation are scaled for the Epistle, but stand for the Gospel.

Hymn 424.

A LL hail the power of Jesus name! Let angels prostrate full:
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all.

- 2 Crown him, ye martyrs of our God. Who from his altar call; Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod. And crown him Lord of all.
- 3 Hall him, the Heir of David's line, Whom David, Lord did call; The God incarnate! Man divine: And crown him Lord of all,
- 4 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed of the fall. Hail Him who saves you by His grace. And crown him Lord of all,
- 5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall. Go, spread your trophies at his feet. And crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Let every kindred, every tribe, On this terrestrial ball. To him all majesty ascribe, And crown him Lord of all,

Then will follow the sermon.

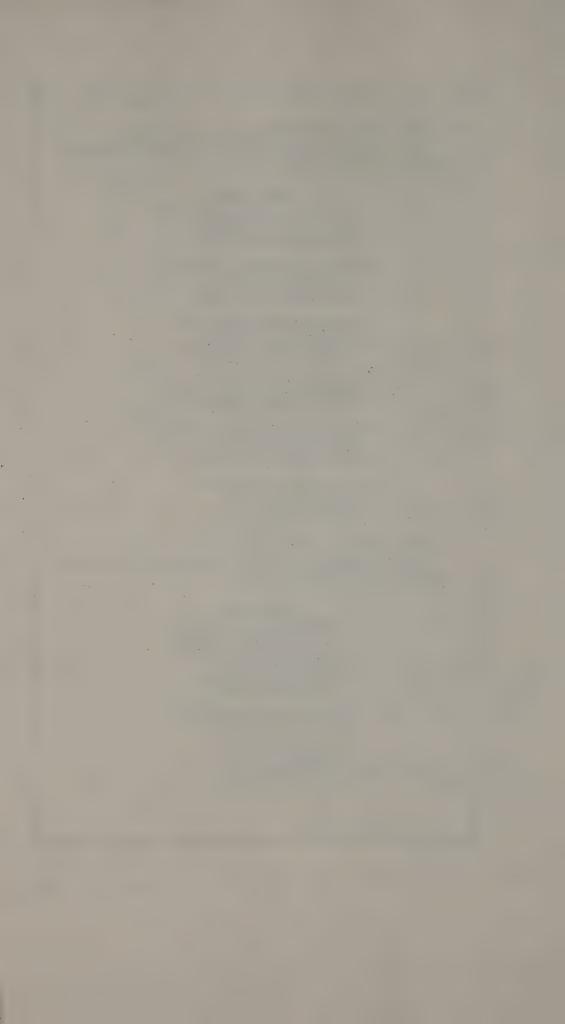
Then the Offertory, which will be for the renovation of the interior of the church.

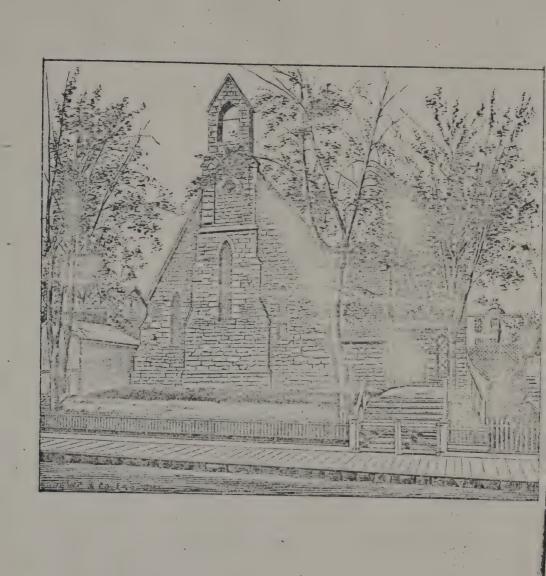
Hymn 48.

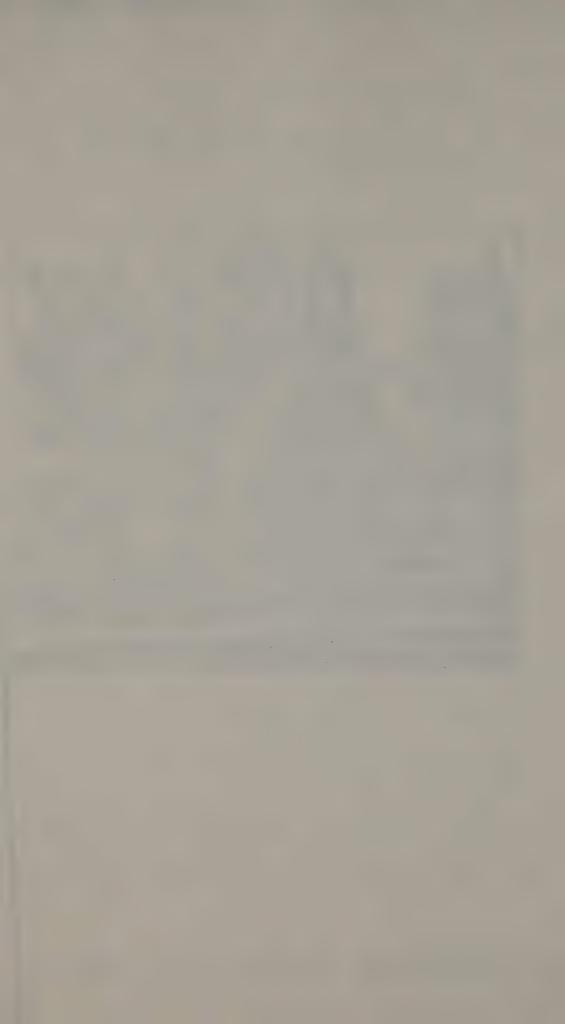
GOD bless our native land!
Firm may she ever stand,
Through storm and night;
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do thou our country save
By thy great might.

2 For her our prayer shall rise To God, above the skies: On him we wait: Thou who art ever nigh Guarding with watchful eye, To thee aloud we cry, God save the state!

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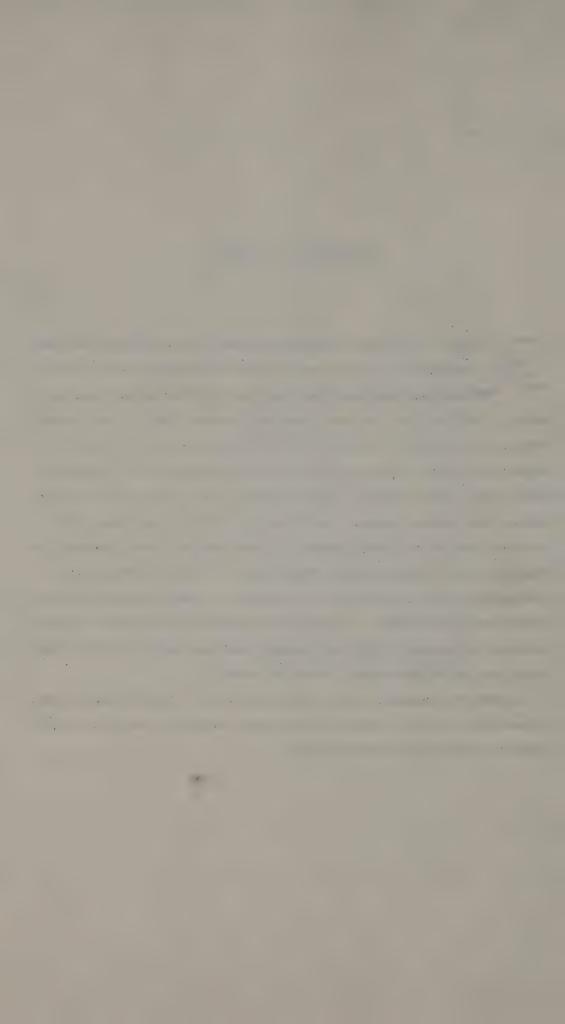


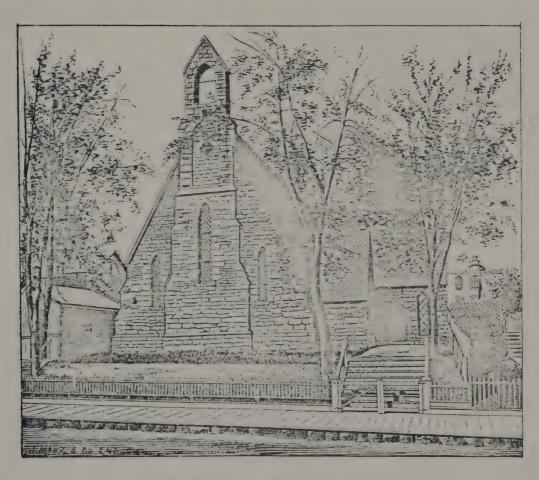
INTRODUCTORY.

FTER a half century's acquaintance with Trinity Church, we have concluded to collect some of the scattered facts of its history. Doubtless many have been lost that would be valuable and interesting, if ordinary care had been taken to preserve them. Little written history can be found of its first ten years of existence; hence we have consulted many of the members, and are under obligations to Mrs. Dougherty, Mrs. Couch, Mrs. Southgate, Mrs. Foulke, Mrs. Gordon, Miss Martha Moore, Miss Louisa Dunsmore and Miss Lizzie Butler, more especially for the ladies part of the Church history. I have used the County Records, the Records of the Masonic Lodge who helped to build the first church; I have gained much information from parties who were familiar with the Church in its pioneer days. I have been acquainted with it since the first structure was erected in 1841, and a casual attendant until 1854, since then it has been my regular place of attending service.

In collecting material I have had access to the Church Registers and Record Book, and the Record of the Ladies' Societies, and have tried to present a readable and correct history.

J. P. W.





TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH.



THE HISTORY OF TRINITY CHURCH.

1839 to 1892.

THE Records of Moses in the book of Genesis, vii: 13, that tell of Noah and his sons and their wives entering into the Ark, are similar to the first records of Trinity Church in Bloomington, now Muscatine.

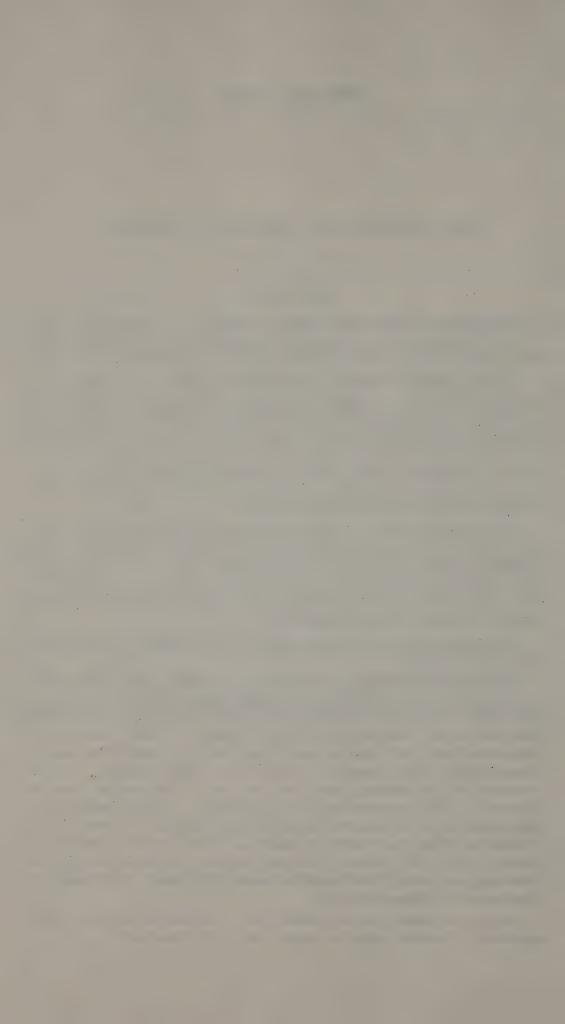
In 1839 Mathew Mathews, with Dorance Mathews, his son, Hiram Mathews and Joseph C. Mathews, his brothers, with their wives and children, came to Bloomington and organized the first Episcopal church. The following year when Bishop Kemper came here, he found the Church with seven communicants and a lot, with timber hauled on the lot for a Church edifice. This was most likely the first Episcopal Church organization in Iowa, although it may have been a family church similar to that mentioned, it was here doing Church work from the first.

As the early records of Trinity Church have been mislaid or lost, we shall have to draw largely on Bishop Kemper's old diary and note book, as published in "The Iowa Churchman," furnished by his daughter, Mrs. Prof. Adams, now of Nashotoh, Wis. In making these extracts we have tried to confine ourselves to subjects of interest to, or connected with, the Episcopal church of Bloomington, now Muscatine.

This first extract was doubtless written on a steamboat, while passing up the river in 1838:

"The Upper Mississippi, off Savanuah, in Illinois, thirty miles below "the Fever river, on which Galena is situated eight miles from its mouth, "July 14th: I am again in a new country, and, indeed, am now further "north than I have ever been since I was a Bishop. I have brought Mr. "Minard with me, for he is, I am sorry to say, in feeble health. The country "through which I have passed for a day or two is very attractive. Do you "recollect the description I gave you, last year, of the northern part of "Indiana? It will apply exactly to Iowa Territory. (You probably know "that since the 3rd of July, Wisconsin has been divided. All west of the "Mississippi, being the Blackhawk purchase, forms the new Territory of "Iowa). Into such a country, you may suppose, the people are rapidly "flocking; and in fact, it will soon be covered with farms and villages. I "hope to be at Dubuque the 19th."

July 23.- A week ago Mr. Minard, Mr. Gear and myself, went in a steamboat to Dubuque, where we spent a day, and I preached.



---1839----

September 18, 1839.—A clear morning, rather warm. I had intended to go by stage to Dubuque, [from Galena where he had spent Sunday,] but as the boat starts at 11, I go in her, (no charge on board the boat). The town is said to be healthier than it has been for years, and contains 1,200 inhabitants, and is growing. Officiated at night; no Church people made known to me. At Galena in time for dinner.

Sept. 19.—Dubuque; officiated and preached.

Sept. 22.—A. M., officiated and preached Night, officiated and preached.

Sept. 25.—At 4 o'clock a. m. a wagon with two horses called for me. Crossed the Fever river at the same time with the Peoria stage. A man in, or on it, (for it had no top.) with a chill. One of its horses fell on landing. Matthews, our driver, occupied in assisting to lift him up. Steep hills and rough roads; fifteen miles to Craig's Mills, to breakfast; fifteen miles to Savannah. Called to see Mr. Bowen, whose mother-in-law and wife's sister are Episcopalians, from Erie. Mr. Bowen thinks that here and at a town opposite (Charleston a clergyman could be supported. To the mounds, ten miles, (a beautiful collection of them, at least twenty in a row, gradually increasing in size to the center one, this afternoon; ride interesting near the river; two bottoms then the bluffs worn by the rain; groves occasionally. To Fulton City ten miles; a few houses on the river; all along very sickly. Traveled fifty miles to-day. Stayed at a house where the man and his wife were sick.

Sept. 26.—Started soon after sunrise to Albany, ten miles; to Cordova, eleven miles; to Port Byron, five miles; sixteen miles further to Stephenson, which I reached by 4 p. m. Stopped at the Rock Island House; found Cauffman. Crossed to Davenport in a sail-boat; tavern crowded, Court time. Cauffman, at Stephenson, knows of no Episcopalians now, either here or at Davenport. Here are 600 inhabitants; Davenport 300; Rockingham 100; city of Rock Island four houses.

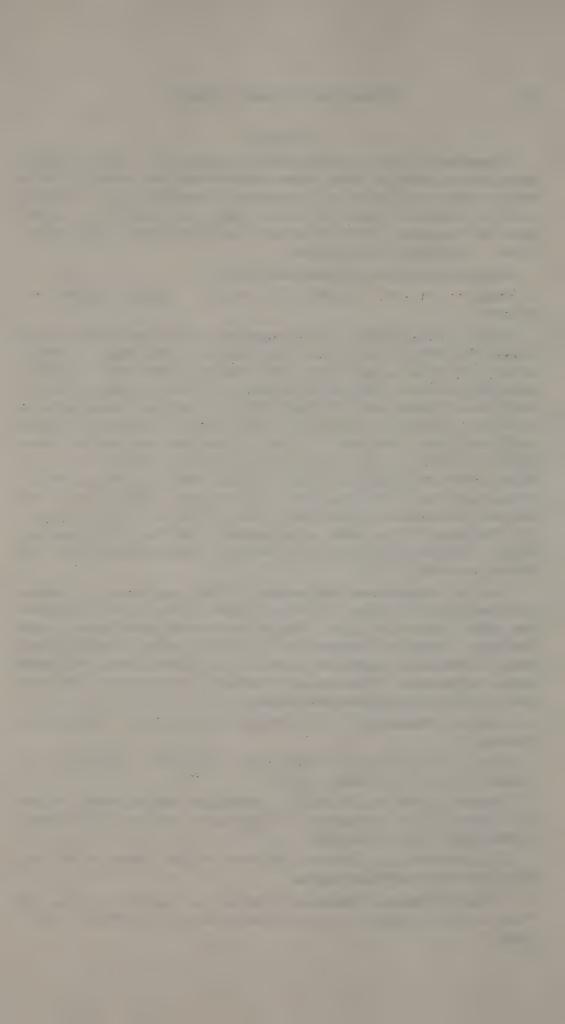
Sept. 29.--Stephenson. A. M., officiated and preached. Davenport in evening.

Sept. 30.—We stopped at Bloomington a short time. A small, new-looking village. At Burlington about 9.

October 1.—Our boat did not leave Burlington until daybreak. By land it is thirty miles from Stephenson to Bloomington; fifty from Bloomington to Burlington; forty to the rapids.

The Muscatine City Directory, published by John Mahin in 1856, contains a historical sketch on page 34:

"Trinity (Protestant Episcopal) Church, was organized in 1839, and "built a house of worship in 1841 in connection with the Masonic frater-"nity."



This Church was situated near the rear end of lot 2, block 30, the lot that the present Church stands on. The Masons occupied the second story, commencing December 13, 1841.

The following are extracts from the Bishop's diary:

"March 19.—St. Louis. Here, Albert Miller Lea, who expects to settle "at Pine river, (now Montpelier township,) twenty miles below Rock Island "in Iowa. He married a Miss Shoemaker, of Philadelphia."

"October 22.—Dubuque, Iowa. Sermon.

"October 31.—Bloomington. Sermon.

"November 1.—Sermon; communion to seven—the number belonging "to the Church at this place."

"P. M.—Baptised Ruah Ann, born September 1, 1838, daughter of "Joseph Clark and Maria Matthews: Geraldine Havens, born August 1, 1840 "daughter of Dorrance and Gloriana H. Matthews. Night, service and "sermon." These two children were cousins of Mrs. J. B. Dougherty.

November 5.--Burlington.

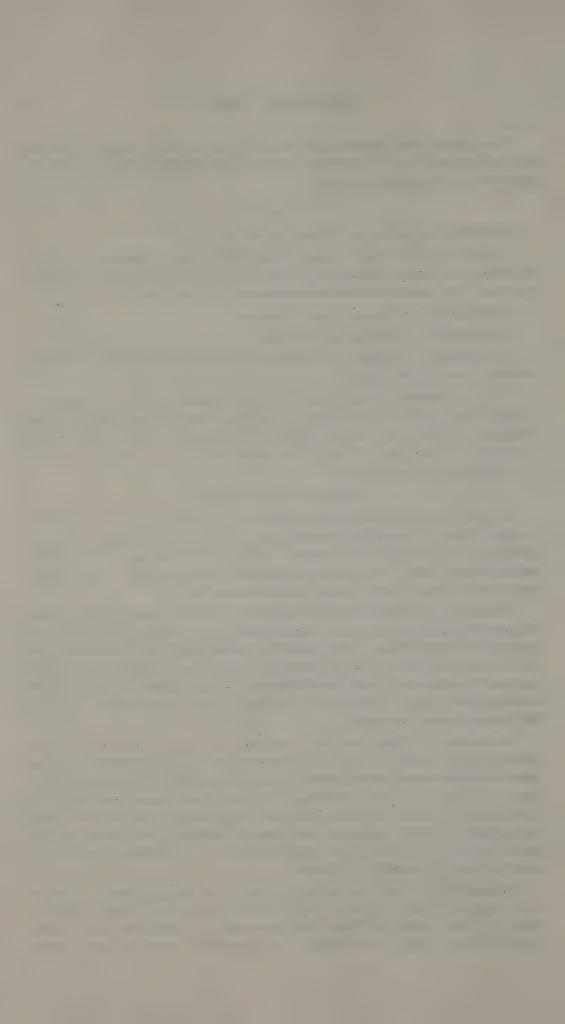
EXTRACTS FROM DIARY.

October 29.—Davenport and Stephenson. I think no services were held at either place.) Landed at Bloomington at 11. At Mr. Parrott's, at Mr. Matthews' the people have been sick. The town is growing. A Mr. Parker called, brought me a letter from Judge Scott; thinks there is a good prospect for the Church at Davenport, where he resides.

October 31.—A walk with Mr. Matthews. He has appropriated a good lot near the public square for a church, and some timber has been drawn upon it for that purpose. He is unwilling there should be a missionary until it is built, not wishing to be beholden to any one, although he has the promise of alternating with Presbyterians and Methodists by the directors of the school house. A service at night in a good, incorporated academy; full congregation, chanting.

November 1.—Three services: morning and night at school house; atternoon at Mr. Matthews' Louse, on account of two sick children. A baptised and administered communion to seven—that number of communicants here. All the services well attended. It is said there is an Episcopal clergyman between here and Burlington; has bought a farm and intends opening a school. I have promised \$100 toward building the Church in this place, provided it is out of debt when finished. Mr. Matthews promises it shall be ready for worship by Easter.

November 4.—The stage called for me by daylight. Twelve miles to Col. Thornton's to breakfast. Here left the Muscatine Island, which is thirty by four miles, and went into the country. Grandview four miles; Harrison twelve miles, on the Iowa river; down the river to Wapello where



we crossed; down to Florence, eight miles; dinner; to Burlington, twenty-two miles. Nineteen miles before arriving at Burlington passed Yellow Springs, where it is said the Episcopal elergyman from Virginia is to open a school next spring.

November 5.—Burlington. Mr. Batchelder lives two or three miles from town. The Judge offered to take me there this morning; accordingly we started, in the thickest of fogs, and found him husking corn, night and day, since Sunday. I walked in, lost my way. Tea at Judge Meason's; met there Gen. and Mrs. Van Antwerp; she is now attached to the Church."

The Van Antwerp family afterwards moved to Muscatine, and were valuable members of our Church.

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EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS.

To M. Matthews, of Bloomington:—March t. Will persevere in getting up a college in Iowa. Trust your church will be soon and well finished; will enquire for an organ for you. Hope to be with you soon.

To M. Matthews:—May 4.—If possible, will be with you soon.—Wish for talks and rides concerning a college.

To M. Matthews:—July 12. Every effort shall be made to spend the 25th with you. Travel with me next week, make as many appointments as you deem expedient. Rev. G. H. Goldsmith will write to you from Davenport. The Davenport church promised \$500 per annum to missionary in Iowa. People will give but little at first; hard to support a family in our first efforts. Why not apply at once for Davenport?

OFFICIAL, ACTS.

26.—Bloomington. Night, sermon.

27.—P. M.: baptized Reed, born April 2, 1841, son of Joseph C. and Sally Maria Matthews; Sarah Ann Ruth, born April 20, 1841, daughter of John S. and Juliana Lakin.

Bloomington, July 20—Good congregation; much interest exhibited in cause of church.

27.—The plan of the church is enlarged, but the Masons are to put a half-story upon it, which I do not like. They are to have it only five years, and then it is to be turned into a parsonage, and a church built on the front of the lot. People pleased with the Rev. Mr. Paine; am disposed to invite him to settle. Saw Whicher, lawyer, who has a brother in our ministry; met Mr. W. and Mr. Lakin at Matthews'. "

A contract was previously made, on the 6th day of May, 1841, between the Vestry of Trinity Church, J. S. Richman acting as their committee, and the Masonic fraternity, T. S. Parvin, B. P. Howland and P. G. Jeans acting as their committee, by which the Masons agreed to put on a second story to



the Episcopal church, about to be erected. The building was completed in the season of 1841. The Masons held their first meeting on December 13, 1841, and formally vacated it on March 7, 1854, after which the second story became the property of the church. This church was the first church of any denomination erected in this county, and the first Episcopal church in this State.

This old church was a frame building, 22x50 feet, one and three-quarters story high, with eight side windows, fifteen lights of 8x10 glass, with a small Vestry room about 7x9 feet in clear. During the periods of rest that Trinity church had in its younger days, the Presbyterians held services in it. Their bell was mounted on the Vestry room; it answered for both denominations. The front door was a specimen of good workmanship for the times, a plain ten panel door, but it took one man fully a week to make it. The lower story was about eight feet high, and had a row of square columns extending along the center aisle. The pews were made of black walnut, painted white. Walnut was the best wood to be had for them, but it was too common without having it painted. The old church was purchased by your humble servant, and rented for school purposes to the city.

--- 1842----

May 1.—Rev. G. H. Goldsmith, of Davenport, preached the first sermon in the frame church.

June 25.—Bishop Kemper officiated. The Masons occupying the second story so offended the Bishop that he utterly declined to dedicate the church.

Extracts from the Bishop's diary:

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

"June 25.—Bloomington. A. M., service and sermon. P. M., meeting to converse with the church people.

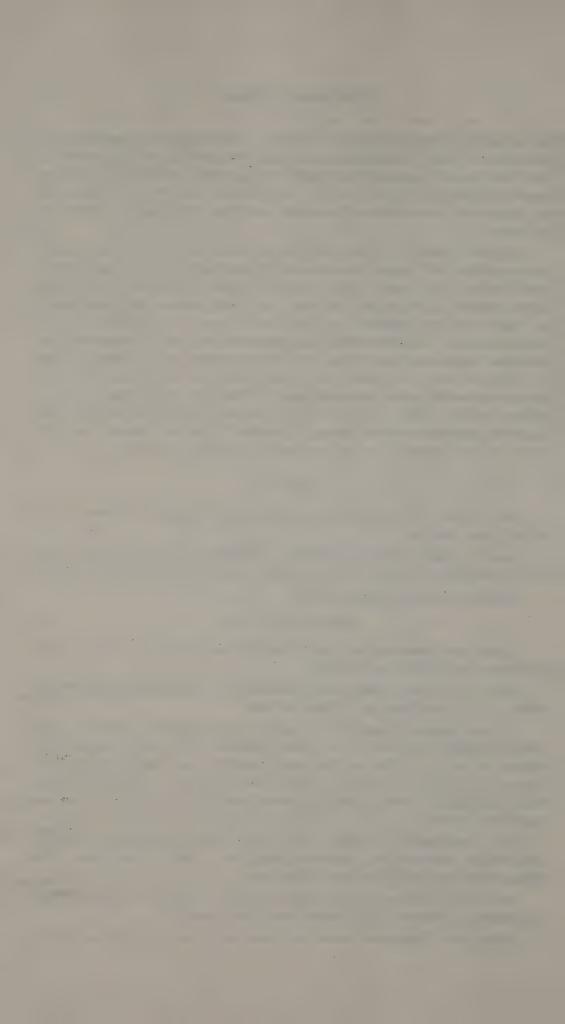
26.—A. M., ante-communion and sermon; administered Eucharist to three. P. M., the blessing. Night, sermon.

27.—At General Humphreys'. Lecture on "Baptism" from the Catechism; baptized two adults and three children, viz.: Lucia Anna Humphreys, an adult; Orpha M. Matthews, an adult; and Lucilla Sally, born January 11, 1829, and Andrew Jackson, born May 23, 1832, of Ansel and Sally Humphreys, and Sarah Matthews, born May 23, 1842, of Ansel and Laura Humphreys.

28.—Bloomington. Night, baptized Miss Orrell Matthews, an adult, admitted on confirmation; confirmed three, vis.: Mrs. Juliana Lakiu, Miss Orpha Matthews and Miss Orrell Matthews.

29.—A. M., address at the funeral of Mrs. Frances Ann Russell, and celebrated the service in the church and at the grave."

Miss Orrell Matthews, one of the three confirmed, is now Mrs. John B.



Dougherty; of the children baptized, two are yet living, "Lucilla Sally," now Mrs. Abraham Johns and "Andrew Jackson Humphreys."

13.—Bioomington. Night, sermon. Visited General Ansel Humphreys and prayed, he being very sick.

June 28.—Trinity Parish, Bloomington, was re-organized. Fourteen persons were present. Humphreys and Lakin, wardens."

----1843----

May 12.—Received transfer of Samuel Sherwell, deacon, from New York to Iowa.

August 19.—Bloomington.

20.—A. M., absolution; ante-communion sermon. P. M., full service and sermon."

----1844----

REORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH.

On the first three pages of the Record Book is a copy of the Constitution of Trinity Church, Bloomington. This purports to have been adopted on the 13th day of April, 1844, and signed by Ansel Humphreys, John S. Lakin, Hiram Matthews, J. W. Richman, Suel Foster, J. Scott Richman, W. G. Woodward, T. S. Parvin, Charles Mattoon, J. C. Matthews, with W. G. Woodward chairman, and certified to by Hiram Matthews, Charles Mattoon and J. Scott Richman as vestry.

Filed April 13th, 1844, for recording, J. C. Day, County Recorder.

The above was undoubtedly a copy of a re-organization.

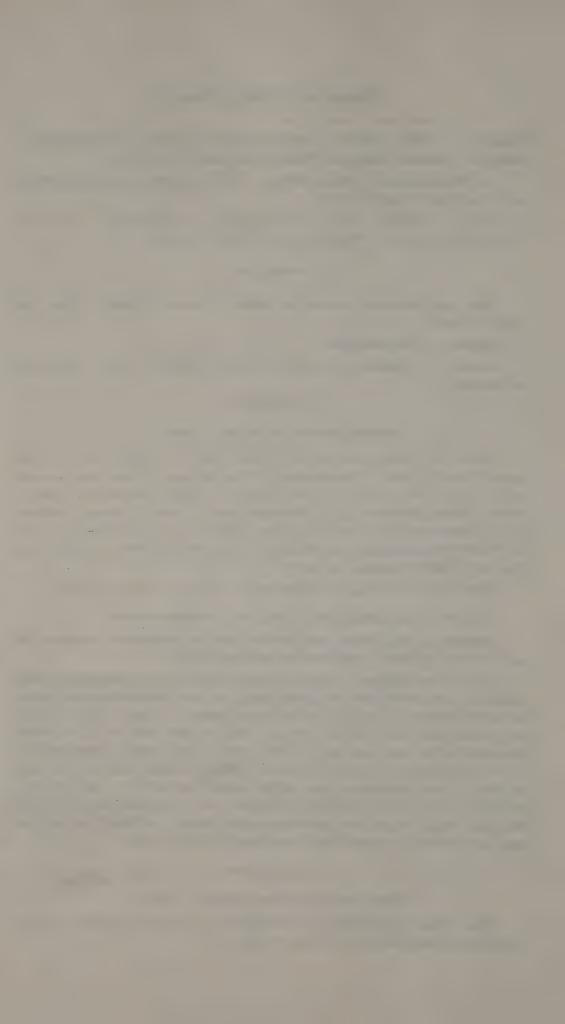
Previous to 1844 Trinity had trouble with an unpopular minister, the Rev. Samuel Sherwell, who was then officiating here.

Rev. Samuel Sherwell was said to be a man of very intemperate habits, would get very drunk and that quite often, but was extremely smart during his lucid intervals. It is told that on one occasion the Vestry said he should not preach, and locked the Church up. Mr. Sherwell was not to be beaten that way, so he broke open the window, went in and opened a door and held service as though nothing had occurred. Bishop Kemper had sent him here and had to come and depose him, which he did not without first having a fair trial. At this time the Episcopal Church was the prominent Church of the place, many of the best citizens attended service, and had a proper man been located here, it would have kept them with the Church.

----1845----

EXTRACTS FROM THE BISHOP'S DIARY.

17th.-- Spent last Sunday at Davenport. A day or two after went to Bloomington and officiated; prospects good.



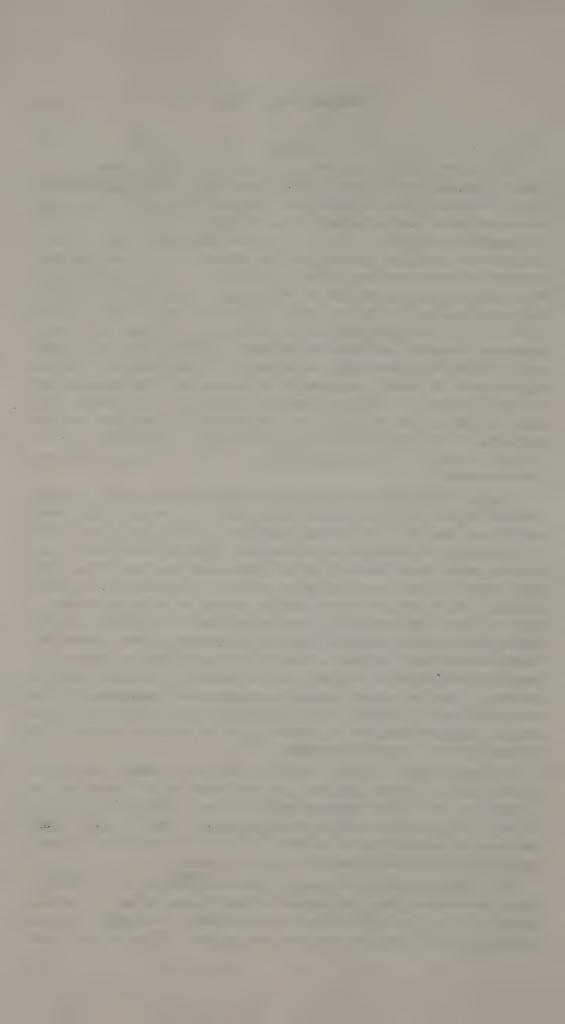
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The County Records show that lot 2, block 30, was deeded by the County Commissioners to Trinity Church, with J. S. Lakin and Ausel Humphreys, wardens, Hiram Matthews and J. Scott Richman as Vestrymen, for the sum of \$70.00, and recorded February 6, 1846, in book "K." page 14. The records on page 21, book "K," also show that Trinity Church entered into a contract with the Masonic Lodge on February to, in which the above wardens and vestrymen agree, with B. S. Olds, W. M., E. M. Kinson, S.W., F. L. Husted, J. W., on the part of Iowa Lodge; witnessed by T. S. Parvin and Isaac Magoon, to renew the terms of a former contract made October 1, 1841, which reads something like the following: "Whereas, an article of agreement was made and placed in the hands or Matthew Matthews, chairman of the building commutee, on the part of Trinity Church, to get the signatures of the church committee before presenting to the lodge committee, and whereas, the same was prevented by death from executing the same, and through the neglect of the administrator the same has been lost and as most of the essential points have been preserved, therefore the following contract was substituted in its place," The remainder of the contract is omitted,

I am inclined to think that the former organization of 1839, together with the contract with the Masons or any other records that the church might have, were left with Matthew Matthews. He was the principal man of the church; he furnished the lot and most of the funds for building and was the general superintendent; in fact, he managed the whole thing. And why should he not keep the papers, as it was proved he did the Masonic contract. It has always been said that he donated the lot to the church. I have not been able to find any record of the same, but I presume he did, although no record of a transfer has been made to the church. When Mr. Matthews was dead it became necessary to take some action to secure a title, hence the re-organization in April, 1844, to enable the church to hold the property. The first and only transfer made from the Commissioners to the church was made February 6, 1846. I have no doubt but the \$70.00 was paid by Matthew Matthews in 1840 or 1841, when the entry was made, but the deed was not made till afterwards.

As before stated, Matthew Matthews was the principal man of the church. He died March 14th, 1842, and was buried on the church lot, (lot 2, block 30). It was also reported that one of the conditions of the gift of the lot to the church was that he should be buried on the lot, which I presume was the cause of the burial there. When the church was enlarged in 1855 the remains were removed to the city cemetery.

Rev. James Keeler took charge of the Parish for two or three years, I think, from 1846 to 1849. He erected a small house on lot 3, block 146, across the alley from where I now live; the house is yet standing. He was a tall, large sized man, but was not very popular. When he came here.



after the removal of the Rev. S. Sherwell, the church was at its lowest ebb. Mr. Keeler was too old a man to revive it readily.

The story goes that he had a habit of preaching his old sermons over, quite frequently "turning the barrel over." The congregation got quite tired of it, and as they were quite long the younger ones rebelled and bought several quires of paper and sent them to him with a note asking him to write some new sermons. It had good effect, for the boys had to attend to see what the result was, if no other good came of it. He remained in the town until 1851 or 1852, but was not considered the Rector. When he left here he went up to Linn county to live with his son.

----1847----

EXTRACTS FROM THE BISHOP'S DIARY.

April 20.—Bloomington. Sermon morning and night.
May 18.—Bloomington. Night, sermon.

---1849---

October 18.—Muscatine. Night, sermon. Keeler and Louderback.

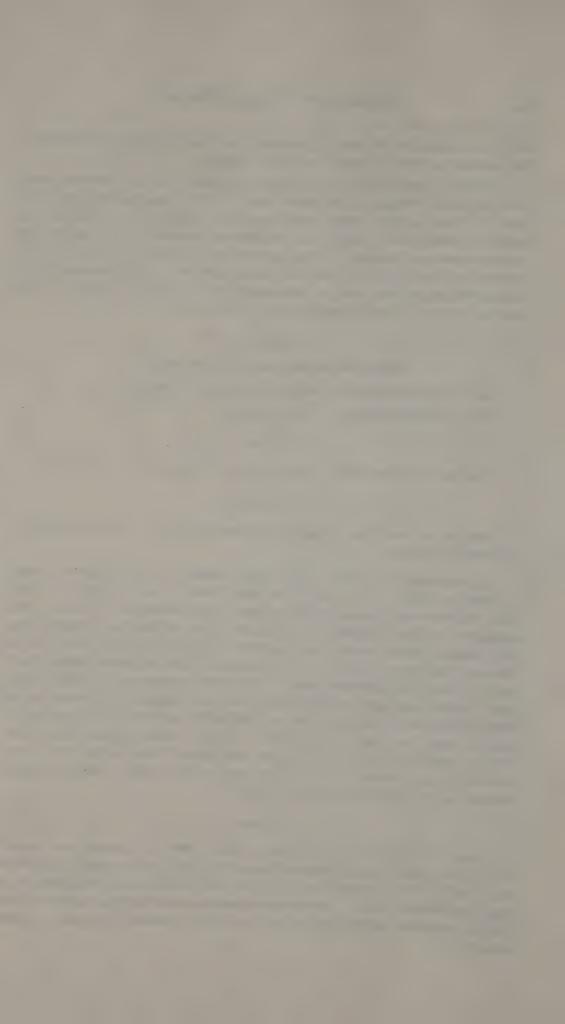
--- 1850---

April 26.—Muscatine. Night, confirmed two, viz.: Ansel Humphreys and David Lashorn.

A correspondent writes of the early history of the church, likely in 1849 or 1850: "The vestry of old Trinity are worthy of mention; in those days none of them were communicants. I think it was composed of Doc. Reeder, Gen'l Gordon, Jno. B. Dougherty, Joe Green, and Deacon Moore, are all I can recollect. If a clerk in the store can be believed, they were a jolly lot. They generally met to discuss church matters up stairs in Gordon's store. The clerk says they would 'spin varus, talk church, spin more yarns, smoke, chew and adjourn.' I think all of these gentlemen of whom I speak so familiarly, yet without an atom of disrespect, for I reverence their names, became communicants under Mr. Utford's administration, and their pure and worthy lives proved they were servants of the Master. All of them, except Mr. Moore, have, with their beloved pastor, solved the mystery of life."

---1850---

Early in the winter of 1850 and 1851 Rev. John B. Calhoun was located here. He proved a good financial Rector for this frontier parish. Services were held in the old frame church, but a desire soon became manifest for a more prominent church. Other denominations were building new churches and the members of Trinity thought an effort should be made in that direction.



EXTRACTS FROM THE BISHOP'S DIARY.

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"November 6.— Muscatine, Iowa. Night, absolution and sermon. confirmed Mrs. Eliza Jane Calhoun.

December 26.—Received transfer of Rev. John B. Calhoun from Illinois to Iowa." Most likely by mail.

Mrs. Calhoun was the wife of the Rector, Dr. Calhoun.

---1851----

October 29.—Muscatine. Baptized Dr. Calhoun's infant boy; sermon; confirmed Mrs. Hull. Calhoun and Keeler present.

November 11.—Muscatine. A. M., laid corner stone of Trinity Church and delivered the address; assisted by Calhoun, Louderback and Addedly."

1851—NEW CHURCH.

In the spring of 1851 sixteen members of the Parish subscribed \$1250. in sums ranging from \$25 to \$200, for erecting a new church. Among the list of subscribers we notice the names of : J. G. Gordon, \$200, J. B. Dougherty, \$200, George Reeder, \$100, E. H. Albee, \$100, H. W. Moore, \$100, J. A. Green, \$100, J. Bennett, \$100, Ansel Humphreys, \$50, J. S. Lakin, \$50, A. O. Warfield, \$25, J. J. Hoopes, \$25, Mrs. E. H. Bevard, \$25, and several unknown names, in all \$1250. They then started Rev. Calhoun east to collect more subscriptions. He collected \$1,208.50 from one hundred and sixty-eight different individuals. The reverend brother seemed to have understood his business, for he had two lists, one for the big subscribers for the large amount of \$10 and upwards, another for smaller ones. He also secured plans and specifications for the front part of the present stone church from the noted church architect, Frank Will, of New York City. The cellar walls and foundation were built in the fall of 1851, and the corner stone laid November 11. No further work was done that season. We recollect seeing the wall with the corner stone standing all winter without much protection.

----IS52----

At Christmas communion services the following six names were recorded as communicants: Mr Ausel Humphreys, Mr. David Lashorn, Mrs. Laura Humphreys, Mrs. E. A. Hull, Mrs. Sarah Gordon, Mrs. E. Klein. All of the above persons are now dead. There were other communicants residing here, but the records are not very clear as to who they were.

---1852----

EXTRACTS FROM THE BISHOP'S DIARY.

May 2.—Muscatine. A. M., absolution and ante-communion. P. M.,



evening prayer; baptized Miss Josephine Humphreys; sermon by Brooke.

September 2.—Muscatine. Night, evening prayer and blessing. Louderback. P. M., 3 o'clock, baptized Caroline, born June 26, 1851, daughter of Alexander W. and Elizabeth A. Hull.

November 14.—Received transfer of Rev. John Ufford from Kentucky to Iowa."

The Mahin Directory says that a stone church was erected for worship this year, which is the main part of the present edifice. The enlarged or cross formed part was put on in 1855 by J. P. and J. W. Walton. This main part of the first stone church progressed very slowly; it was nearly three years in construction, having been commenced in the summer of 1851, and consecrated on May 25, 1854. During the time service was held regularly in the old church, Rev. John Ufford officiating; Mr. Ufford having been sent here and supported by a missionary society of Philadelphia in November, 1852, under the following circumstance, as I learned from him:

The question of high and low church was creating quite a feeling in the church at large; each party was striving its utmost to get the ascendancy. The new States and territories were being opened up very rapidly. The low church party had obtained the control of Ohio and erected Kenvon College at Gambier, and were turning out a class of preachers well suited for the frontier. They were all low churchmen and were so pronounced that to know a man graduated at Kenyon College was sufficient to know his party standing in the church. Reverend John Ufford was one of the early graduates. He was a native of Connecticut, well supplied with the Puritan habits and religion. In stature he was a tall, lank, spare-faced man, with a large head for the size of the man. He stood six feet and one or two inches tall, and did not weigh over 140 pounds. His first ministry was on the Maumee river, in Ohio, when the country was so new that there was not another church of any kind within fifty miles. He afterward officiated in Virginia, and I think in Ohio, where he married a Miss Catherine Burr, a sister of a noted D. D. of Portsmouth, Ohio. She was a very estimable woman, and died September 11, 1855, leaving two sons, John and Henry. Of Mrs. Ufford it could be said she "fell a martyr to her cause," It was during the prevalence of the cholera; many deaths were occurring every day. Mrs. Ufford left her home that was situated in a locality that never had a death from that cause other than hers. She went among the sick, "took the contagion and sickened and died."

Rev. Ufford's education had been such that he could easily suit himself to any good society he was placed in. During a revival meeting held in the Congregational church, the preachers of all denominations joined in the meeting, Mr. Ufford taking his part with the others. The meeting lasted several weeks before the final close, at which time the Episcopal church received its share of members. More than twenty confirmations were the result of this meeting. We were among the number, as well as most of the



class confirmed in 1855. On another occasion Mr. Ufford's liberal views caused him trouble. During the Methodist conference they supplied the different churches with preachers; there was one delegate to Trinity; Mr. Ufford read the service and allowed the delegate to preach a very interesting sermon. Some of our communicants thought Mr. Ufford had transcended his right, and were very much offended. Such was the character of the man sent here to build up the low church, and probably a better one could not have been found.

The high church party had been equally active in its efforts for supremacy. They had secured the Rev. Bishop Kemper as a missionary bishop, to have the supervision of the whole Northwest. He was a very energetic and active little man, large in church work, but not large enough to convert and hold all the Northwest, as the First Diocesan Convention, held in Muscatine in August, 1853, and the second in June, 1854, in Davenport, showed by the election of the then low, or at least very moderate church man, Rev. Henry W. Lee, D. D., as Bishop of Iowa.

Rev. John Ufford officiated from November, 1852, until July 12, 1861, when a leave of absence was granted him to officiate as Chaplain of the Sixth Regiment of Iowa Volunteers. His final connection with the Parish was not severed until February 16, 1863. When Mr. Ufford came to Trinity Church there were but six communicants; when he left in 1861 there were sixty-six.

The church register shows three baptisms, one marriage.

THE FIRST MARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH.

On Sept 13, 1853, H. W. Moore was married to Miss Ellen Stone, Rev. John Ufford officiating. This was the first church wedding among the Protestant churches to occur in this city. At Christmas there were fifteen communicants.

The organization of the Diocese of Iowa was effected at Muscatine in August at Trinity Church.

November 14, 1854, a committee was appointed to devise some plan for heating the (new) church; the heating apparatus seems not to have proved satisfactory.

During the year there were twelve confirmations, six marriages and four deaths recorded.

The Bishop's diary in 1854 has the following entries:

"May 25. - Muscatine. A. M., consecrated Trinity Church. Louderback, Adderly and Ufford. Night, confirmed ten-William Lettingwell, Mrs. Francis Leffingwell, Mrs. Anna Elizabeth Palmer, Mrs. Elmira Reeder,



Mrs. Nancy Reece, Miss Caroline Bridgman, Miss Josephine Humphreys, Miss Eliza Moses, Miss Lucilla Humphreys and Miss Ella Klein."

"26.—In private, A. M., confirmed Mrs. Ann Dougherty."

"31.—Davenport. Opened Diocesan Convention and read my address; P. M., convention; Night, convention.

June: .—At convention, Rev. Henry W. Lee elected Bishop; confirmed eight—Mrs. Mary Ann Young, Mrs. Agnes Mitchell, Mrs. Mary Sargent, Mrs. Eliza Finley, Mrs. Mary Fulton, Jonathan W. Wainright, Mrs. George B. Sargent and George E. Hubbell; addressed the candidates; sermon; Ufford and Denison; prayer; convention adjourned. P. M., confirmed, in private, Miss Mary Grace Lynch. Night, baptized infant daughter of Rector."

At this time Rev. John Ufford was Rector, having come here in November, 1852.

Bishop Lee's first confirmation class of 26-13 ladies and 13 gentlemen—was held in Trinity Church."

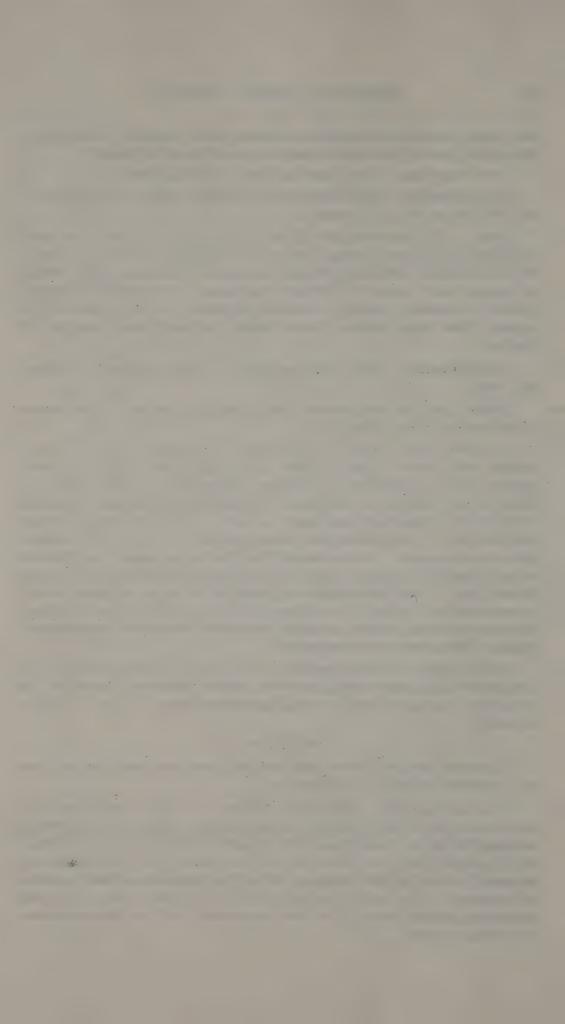
The oldest record book we can find of the church and vestry commences with Easter Monday, April 17th, 1854, when General A. Humphreys, Col. D. Humphreys, William Leffingwell, E. Klein and H. S. Compton were selected as vestrymen. All business that has not been done by the vestry is especially mentioned as such. The first vestry meeting was held May 15, 1854, when Gen. Ansel Humphreys and Col. Decius Humphreys were wardens. It was resolved that the Rector appoint one Sabbath in each month for taking up a collection for church purposes and for paying church debt. It was undoubtedly expected that a larger collection would be made on that day than the ordinary collection. If I am not mistaken, collections were taken only on the first Sunday in the month, "communion Sunday," for several years afterwards.

May 29, 1854, at a vestry meeting, A. W. Hull, J. A. Greene and H. S. Compton were appointed delegates to the Second Diocesan Convention, to be held at Davenport May 31, 1854, that elected Henry W. Lee as Bishop of Iowa.

---1855---

The church register shows there were two marriages, nine burials, thirteen baptisms and thirty confirmations.

At a meeting of the vestry held February 8, 1855, "they agreed by a unanimous vote to give to Messrs Greene, Gordon, Moore and Dougherty a mortgage for eleven hundred and forty dollars, or the church to secure them for the amount they are liable for on the church debt. Mr. Klein was appointed to draw up said mortgage and get the signatures of each member of the vestry." The vestry gave permission to the Rector to use the old church for a school room. The school was started and ran but a short time, not being a success.



The debt seems to have accrued during the construction of the then new church. That is the main front part, back to the wings of the present church, that with what they had in the commencement made a small church, with seats for 180, cost near \$3,800. I think the mortgage was never executed.

REVIVAL MEETINGS.

After the close of the great revival meeting in the spring of 1855, which was commenced and held in the Congregational Church, Trinity Church secured a great influx; twenty-six were confirmed at one time. This was Bishop Lee's first official act as a Bishop. Many were converts of this meeting. It became evident that Trinity was too small, and an addition must be built.

At a vestry meeting of May 14, a committee was appointed to solicit aid for the erection of an addition. At a meeting May 15 the committee reported they had secured seventeen hundred dollars as a subscription towards the enlargement of Trinity Church. On motion, Joseph A. Green, William Leffingwell and J. B. Dougherty were appointed a building committee with power to draw plans and make contracts for the proposed enlargement. The contract was let to J. P. and J. W. Walton, and was completed by October 1, 1855, for which they received \$2,888. There were other expenses connected with the building amounting to \$331.71, making the addition cost \$3,219.71, making an expenditure of some \$7,000 in three years. The old debt of \$1,240, and the new one made for building the addition, proved a source of future annoyance. On the 15th of October, 1855, a note was given to Greene & Stone, bankers, for \$1,615, with John Ufford, Decius Humphreys, J. G. Gordon and J. B. Dougherty as signets, payable January 1, 1856.

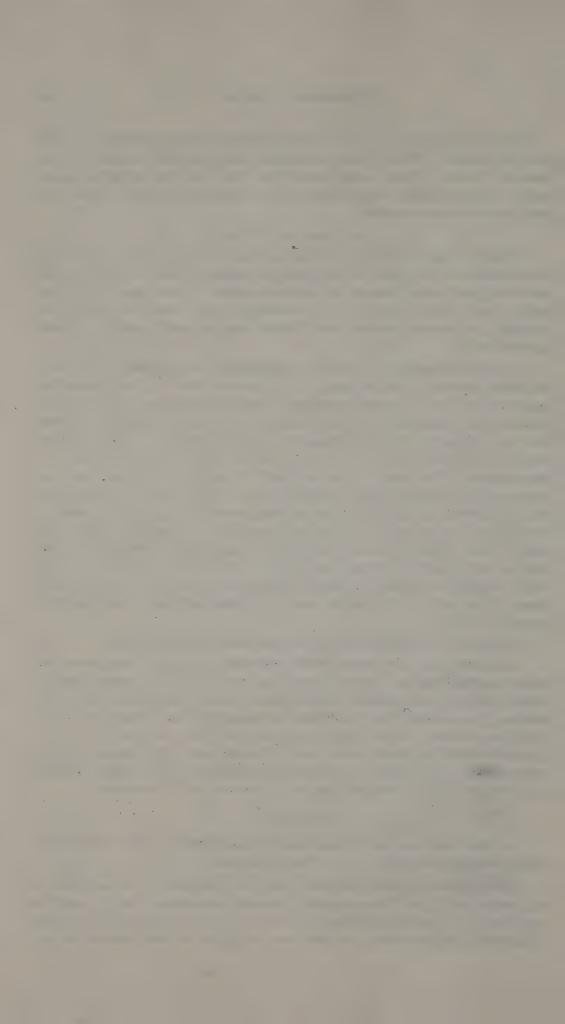
On the 15th of October, 1855, the pews were rented for \$\$42.

At a meeting of the vestry held December 17, 1855, it was shown the whole indebtedness of Trinity Church was \$3,557.19. The whole board of vestrymen were constituted a committee to secure a permanent loan. On motion it was ordered that the church be decorated with Evergreen for the Christmas festival. In the spring or summer of 1856 a Reverend Mr. W. T. Comptell started a private school, with his sister and wife as assistants. His mother-in-law, Mrs. Belcher, accidentally losing her life by being scalded, and from the lack of sufficient support the school was discontinued.

----1856----

In 1856 there were seven baptisms, five confirmations, eight burials and three marriages, as shown by the Parish Register.

The records of January 1st show that J. B. Dougherty, Jos. A. Green, J. G. Gordon and H. W. Moore signed a certain negotiable note in favor of the Muscatine Insurance Company for \$3,000, payable at the banking house of Greene & Stone thirty days after date, with ten per cent, interest, to pay



\$3,000 of Trinity Church's indebtedness. I find in the treasurer's book that a special subscription of \$500 was made by some twelve members to help meet the debts due January 1, 1856. I presume that this subscription reduced the debt to about \$3,000.

March 24, 1856, the following persons were elected vestrymen: Col. D. Humphreys, William Leffingwell, Jos. A. Green, Hiram Matthews, Henry Compton.

May 29th Col. Decius Humphreys, Mr. Williams, Dr. Geo. Reeder. H. W. Moore and Mr. Richardson were delegates and alternates to the convention at Dubuque.

On September 8, 1856, the present bell was purchased at a cost of \$361.48, and mounted on a frame as it now stands.

At a meeting on the 8th of December the question of reducing the church debt to \$2,000 came up, which was referred to a committee, to report at the next meeting.

At the vestry meeting held on December 12, 1856, the committee on debt reported the best mode to liquidate the debt was for each member of the Parish to pay an amount in proportion to the value of his taxable property within the county for the year 1856, when, on motion of Dr. Reeder, Messrs. Compton, Green, Moore, Walton and Leffingwell were appointed a committee to draw up and circulate articles of agreement in accordance with the report. (I think this agreement was not perfected.) The vestry then passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the church will absolve the purchase of the five lots in block 100 from all obligations to release to the church the aforesaid lots upon payment of the original cost and interest. The history of these lots is, sometime previous it was thought that Trinity Church would be better located on Iowa Avenue. The five lots were purchased for that purpose by the Rector, Mr. Ufford, and four other members. At this time it became evident that Trinity could not use them, so they were released to the purchaser. The purchasers of these lots were Rev. John Ufford, Joseph A. Greene, J. G. Gordon, H. W. Moore and J. B. Dougherty. These were the south half of the block that the High School stands on, and the price of purchase was \$2,500 for the five lots.

The register of 1857 shows that there were five baptisms, four confirmations, five marriages; no burial in the year. The financial panic of 1857 undoubtedly exercised an influence on the church. It was so severe that it was talked of and felt in all circles. None so great has ever occurred either before or since.

At a meeting of the vestry held March 30, 1857, it was voted that Trinity Church be hereafter self-supporting; also tendering a vote of thanks to the missionary society for their kindness in aiding in its support; also notifying the Bible House to drop our names from the roll of missionary stations.



At the annual meeting April 13, 1857, the following vestrymen were elected: W. Leffingwell, Jos. A. Greene, John B. Dougherty, Jacob Compton and John J. Smith. On May 25th G. R. White and William Fullerton were appointed delegates to the convention at Keokuk May 27th. Mr. Bidwell was allowed \$75 a year as organist. The salary of Mr. Ufford as Rector was fixed at \$1,000 per annum. It was also agreed that the church raise by subscription \$800, to pay up the deficiency in current expenses up to May 1st, 1858. At a meeting of the vestry held August oth it was reported that but \$400 had been raised. It was voted that a more vigorous effort be made to raise the money. At this time we were feeling the financial panic very bad, and no one would pay any more out than they had to. I think the \$400 was not raised.

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The Church Register shows twenty-five baptisms, thirty confirmations, one marriage; no death recorded. While the church had been very prosperous in the increase of its members, the old debt was a source of annoyance. At a meeting of the vestry February 2nd, 1858, the following was adopted:

WHEREAS, Trinity Church is in debt to Messrs. John G. Gordon, \$1,188.15, Joseph A. Greene, \$912.08, H. W. Moore, \$1,162.33, and John B. Dougherty \$994.22, said sums being expended in behalf of said church.

Resolved. That we, the Rector and Vestry of said church, do hereby execute to said parties notes and mortgages on lot 2, block 30, to secure the several amounts due the several parties.

(I think the notes and mortgages were executed.)

At the annual meeting April 5th, 1858, the following were elected vestrymen: William Leffingwell, Jos. A. Greene, J. B. Dougherty, Jacob Compton and John J. Smith. At a meeting May 22nd William Leffingwell, J. A. Greene and J. B. Dougherty were selected as delegates to the convention to be held at Cedar Rapids May 26th, 1858.

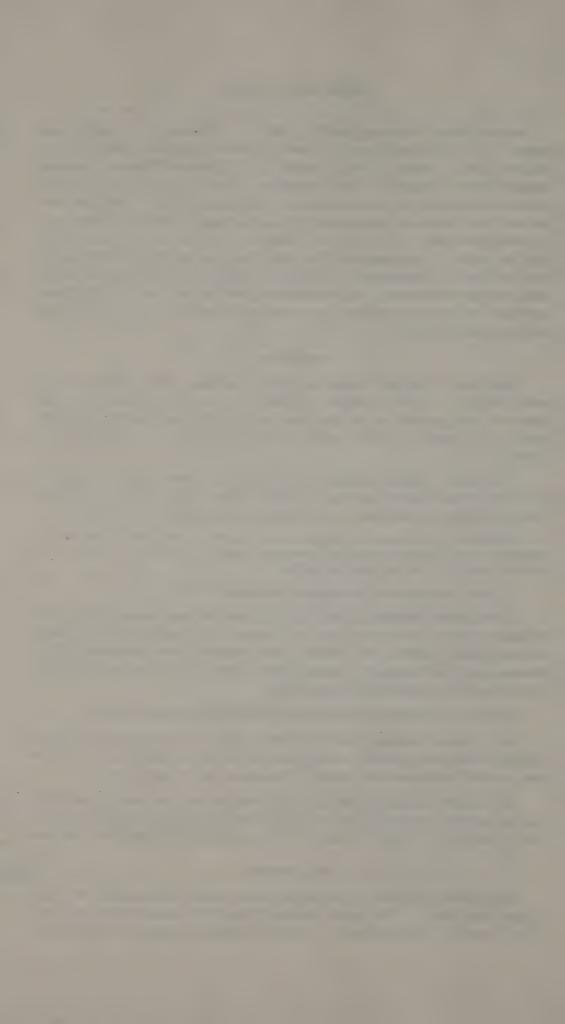
October 4.—The pews were rented for the coming year at \$9.00.

At a vestry meeting November 20th, 1858, J. A. Green and William Leffingwell were appointed a committee to sell the old church to J. P. Walton, which I purchased and rented it for school and church purposes.

At a called meeting of the vestry to consider the deficiency in the treasury to meet the current expenses, it was voted to call a meeting of the Parish on January 4th, 1859, to consider ways and means to meet the shortage.

--- IS59---

The Church Register shows six baptisms, three confirmations, five marriages, four deaths. The annual meeting April 25th elected Jacob Compton, J. A. Greene, J. B. Dougherty, William Leffingwell, Samuel B. Reed, J. G.



Gordon and W. S. Humphreys vestrymen. May 23rd J. A. Greene, W. Leffingwell and J. Compton were chosen delegates to the convention at Davenport May 25th.

On Monday, October 3, the pews rented for \$642.

At a vestry meeting held November 22d the church debts and expenses were considered, and Mr. Ufford offered to reduce the amount due him on the two past year's salary from \$543 to \$400. At a vestry meeting held on December 13th it was voted to call a meeting of the Parish on the 20th and present the matters of the church debt to the meeting. No record of a meeting or action of the same appears.



The register has fourteen baptisms, six confirmations, one marriage and one death during the year 1860.

At the annual meeting Monday, March 26, it was determined that the old vestry should serve another year. The records show that on the 30th of April, 1860, the insurance policy was transferred to J. B. Dougherty and ratified by the vestry. This year J. A. Greene, George Reeder and W. S. Humphreys were to represent the Parish in the convention at Burlington May 30th.

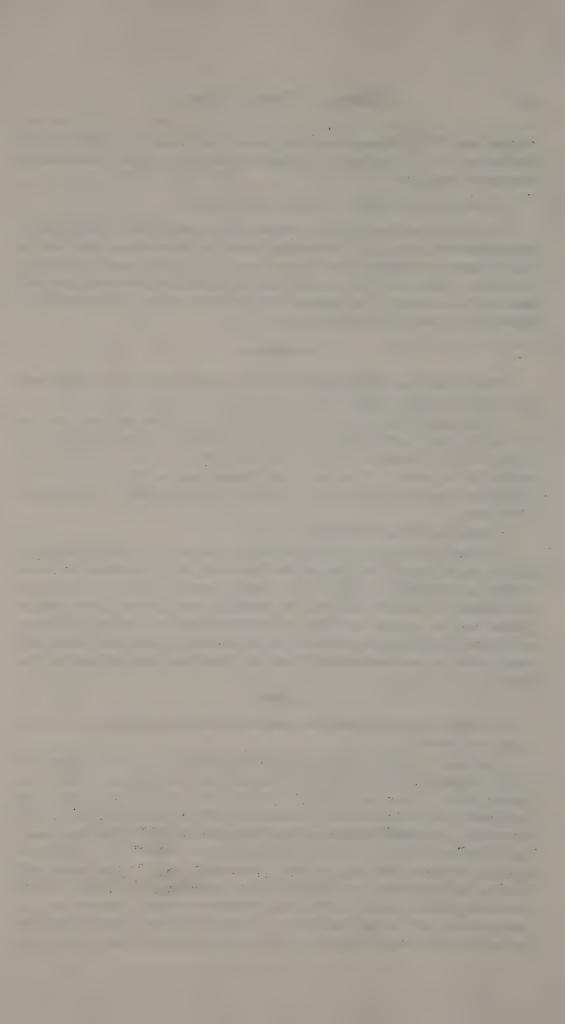
October 1st the pews rented for \$1,013.

It seems as though the debt holders were not satisfied with a mortgage on the lot and church, but wanted the insurance policy transferred to them, which was probably all right, but one would conclude that the insurance was sufficient security without the mortgage, and it would have been a proper way to secure the debts, as they held nearly the whole of them, while they were doing a great favor to the church by carrying them they were getting to per cent, interest from the church as a part payment for the favor.

----IS61----

In 1861 there were seventeen baptisms, three confirmations, no marriage, one burial.

The records of the vestry meeting held February 5th shows that Mr. Ufford proposed to discount \$200 on the amount of salary now due him, leaving \$800. It was ordered that a note be given to settle the balance. It was voted that the Rector be a committee to sell the old organ, the church then using a borrowed melodion, \$5.00 being allowed the sexton for carrying it back and forth. This old organ that was to be sold by Mr. Ufford was a second hand one that he got from Portsmouth, Ohio. I have been told that this old instrument cost Trinity Church something like \$250. It may have been good at one time, but it was worthless to Trinity at this time. It was not sold, and during the winter of 1861-2 the boys got in the church and stole out the metal pipes, and when an organ builder came to look at it



he would not give anything for it. It was afterwards taken out and stored in Mr. Compton's cellar, and was abandoned.

At the annual Parish meeting of 1861 J. Compton, W. Leffingwell, J. A. Greene, Jos. Sykes, C. E. Kent, J. B. Dougherty and J. G. Gordon were elected vestrymen. July 12, 1861, a resolution was adopted granting a leave of absence to Rev. John Ufford, the Rector, for the purpose of accepting an appointment as Chaplain of the 6th Regiment of Iowa Volunteers during the war of until he should elect to return.

At a meeting of the vestry held August 7, 1861, it was voted that the secretary be instructed to propose to Rev. Mr. Allen to employ him while we may want him, to officiate as Rector, at the rate of \$300 per year. At a meeting of the vestry held August 27, 1861, it was voted unanimously "that the connection of this Parish with the Rev. Mr. Allen as Rector be canceled from this date, and that the secretary notify him." Mr. Allen acted as Rector just twenty days. In that twenty days he became very intimate with the Roman Catholic Priest, Rev. P. Laurent, who persuaded him that the Romish church was the place for him and he went there. Father Laurent afterwards claimed that he converted Mr. Allen.

Mr. Allen was a young man studying for the ministry, was only officiating temporarily, and located here alone on very short allowance. Had he been placed in different circumstances his future might have been different.

At a vestry meeting September 16th it was voted to hold no services in the church at present, and to notify the Bishop of the action. A committee was also appointed to canvas and see how many would keep their pews and pay for the same, without any arrangement for preaching being made.

At a meeting of the vestry December 9, 1861, present Rev. John Ufford, (home on a furlough,) J. A. Greene, J. G. Gordon, C. E. Kent, William Leffingwell, J. Sykes, J. Compton and J. B. Dougherty, it was voted that J. Compton correspond with the Bishop about Mr. Page, inviting him to preach for us once or twice as soon as he is ordained. Voted that a collection be taken up on each Sunday that we have preaching to pay contingent expenses of the church.

The pew renting of 1861 reached but \$126

--- TS62---

Rev. Robert H. G. Page belonged to an aristocratic English family. He was born on the Island of Jamaica, and was a middle aged man. It was always a mystery why he wandered away up to Iowa to complete his studies for the ministry. (Since writing the above I learn that Mr. Page was a brother-in-law of Mr. Judd, of Marshalltown; probably he may have persuaded him to come.) He was a jovial, affable man when not suffering with the gout. He, like most of his nationality, liked good living. On one occasion he was invited to Christmas dinner. The hour set for the dinner happened to be the hour he had set to officiate at a funeral at the cometery. Not being able to be in two places at one time he concluded the



funeral had better wait, which they did, in a very hard rain storm, with little or no shelter for an hour and a half. As good luck would have it they were an English family from the country and did not complain. He officiated something over a year. We learn that he is now dead.

The register shows thirteen baptisms, no confirmations, one marriage by the Rev. R. H. G. Page, and eight deaths during 1862.

At a meeting of the vestry March 21st it was voted to invite Rev. R. H. G. Page to continue services as heretofore, every two weeks, provided the subscriptions and contributions are sufficient to meet the expenses, and that said arrangements continue until July 1st. When Mr. Page left here he went to Fort Madison and got married.

At the annual meeting held April 21, 1862, J. G. Gordon, J. B. Dougherty, Robert Hatch, C. E. Kent, Jos. Sykes, J. A. Green and Jacob Compton were elected vestrymen. J. A. Green was elected as a delegate to a convention at Davenport May 28.

At a vestry meeting October 27, 1862, it was voted "to keep the church open for the next six months, and that the proposition of Rev. Robert H. G. Page to supply us with preaching at the rate of \$25 per month or \$300 per year while it may suit him or us be accepted."

The old organ does not yet seem to have been disposed of, for it was voted if it could not be sold to take it out of the church and to give the church a general cleaning.

----1863----

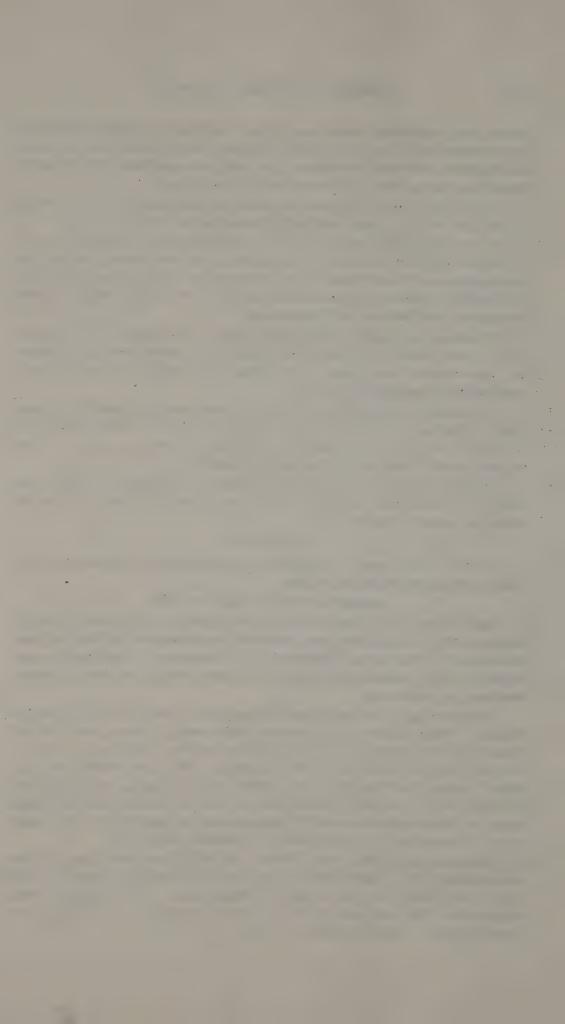
In 1863 there were no baptisms, no confirmations, one marriage and four deaths, as shown by the register.

REPORT OF THE CHURCH IN-1863.

Rev. Robert H. G. Page entered on the register a copy of his report for the year 1863. I presume it was made for the convention in May or June. He reported: Families 43; individuals 186; baptisms 10; confirmed none; marriages four; burials eight; number of communicants, 70; Sunday school teachers, 14; scholars 95.

At a meeting of the vestry held January 26th a resolution was passed as follows: "That in view of the present embarassing circumstances of our Parish and the uncertainty of being able to furnish a satisfactory or even a necessary support to our former worthy pastor, Rev. John Ufford, even if he should resign his chaplaincy and return to his charge, we, therefore, although very reluctantly, have come to the conclusion that we would accept of his resignation, which he has signified his readiness to offer whenever the interest of the Parish could be promoted thereby."

At a meeting of the vestry February 16, 1863, it was voted to accept the resignation of Rev. John Ufford, to take effect when the amount of the Parish indebtedness to him is paid, it being \$254.11. The resignation was presented on the 16th and recorded in the record book. It was written at Grand Junction, Miss., February 2, 1863.



At the annual meeting held April 6, 1863, J. G. Gordon, John B. Dougherty, Jos. Sykes, Robert Hatch, C. E. Kent, Moses Couch and J. Compton were elected vestrymen. C. E. Kent, H. W. Moore and J. Compton were selected as delegates, with Robert Hatch, W. H. Hubbard and Moses Couch as alternates, to the convention at Iowa City.

The vestry voted, July 13th, to call Rev. George W. Walton to the pastorship of this Parish, with a salary of \$800 per year. I think that Brother Walton did not cone ude it was his calling to come here; at all events he never came.

At a meeting of the vestry held August 11, 1863, a call was extended to the Rev. Thomas H. Vail, D. D. This call the reverend Doctor accepted.

There was another reason besides the good of this Parish that instigated the call and probably the acceptance. The question of high and low church appeared in the under current. The present State of Kansas had to have a Bishop, and both church parties were looking after it. Bishop Lee had charge of Kansas; his recommendation would have great influence in the convention that would elect the Bishop. If he could recommend a man in his diocese—a man of noble habits and generous deeds—such a one would most likely be elected, provided the question of church politics was not raised, which Bishop Lee was very careful should not be, although he knew he was recommending one of the lowest of low churchmen. The scheme worked well; our Reverend Vail was elected Bishop. He was consecrated in our little church, but before leaving us many good and generous deeds were placed to his credit by the Parish.

---1864----

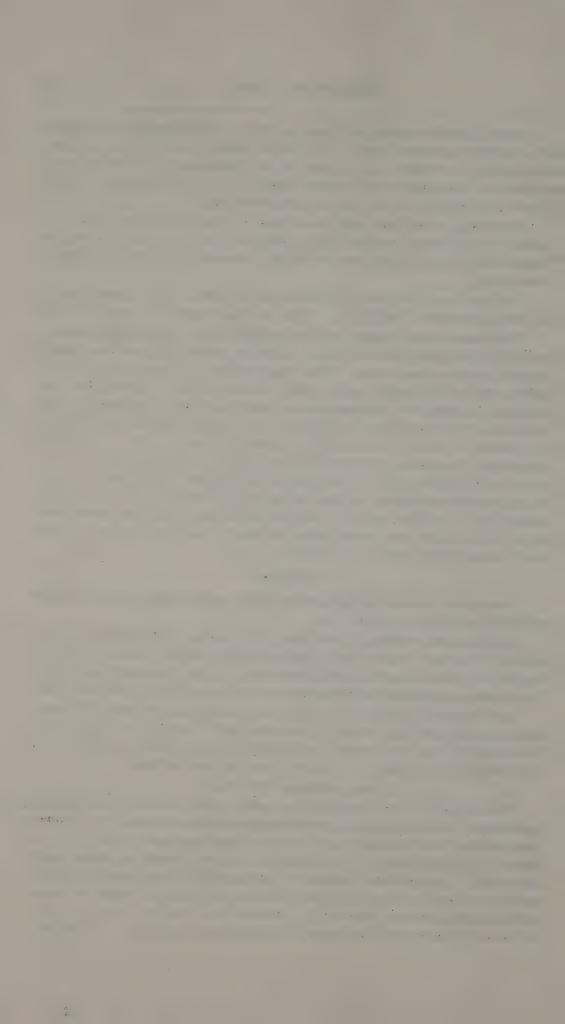
The register shows sixteen baptisms, five confirmations, four marriages and eight burials in the year 1864.

At the annual meeting March 28th J. G. Gordon, J. B. Dougherty, Jos. Sykes, C. E. Kent, Moses Couch, Jacob Compton, Robert Hatch, J. P. Walton and S. A Foulke were elected vestrymen. J. B. Dougherty and J. L. Daymude were selected the delegates to the convention at Lyons this year.

In November of 1864 Rev. Dr. Vail was consecrated Bishop of Kansas. His resignation was not formally presented until January 30, 1865, but on December 27, 1864, an invitation was extended Rev. Edward Louisbury, of Philadelphia, with a salary of \$1,000 a year, but was declined.

THE CHURCH DEBT PAID.

During the year 1864 there was an event in the church that was of great importance, which seems to have been omitted in the records. The church indebtedness had reached close to \$4,000, and was mostly held by J. A. Green, J. B. Dougherty, J. G. Gordon and H. W. Moore in about equal sums each. The debt was secured by mortgages on the church. During the panic at the breaking out of the civil war the banking house of Green & Stone failed, and the note of J. A. Green went into the hands of Azel Farnsworth; he wanted his money and commenced suit for it. There was



no money to pay the debt with, the church was in danger, and it was understood for the sake of gaining time a fight should be made. J. A. Green, J. B. Dougherty and J. G. Gordon were vestrymen when the mortgage was given. As a plea it was set up that the vestry had no right to mortgage the property to themselves. Before the suit came to trial Dr. Vail came here, and went to work to have all the debts settled off. He went to Mr. Farnsworth and got the promise of a large discount; he went to the other note holders and done the same; he then went among the congregation and got promises of liberal donations, provided the debt could be paid. After summing them all up he found that he was, I think, some \$1,000 or \$1,200 short, which he paid out of his own resources. At all events he succeeded in squaring off the debt of Trinity, which had been accumulating more than twenty years.

In October, 1864, the chancel rail was moved forward, a new communion table put in and a new reading desk to suit Rev. Dr. Vail's notions for his consecration as Bishop. The Doctor had done so nobly in paying off the church debt that the vestry were willing to do anything to suit him.

The stone font now in the church was purchased by the Sunday school class of Miss Maria Vail, the daughter of Dr. Vail, and put in the church in the spring of 1864.

---1865----

In the year there were six baptisms, three confirmations, three marriages, five burials.

At a meeting of the vestry March 13th Rev. Dr. Vail's resignation was accepted and a series of resolutions were adopted, expressing the good feeling of the Parish and their sincere regret at losing him, and recommending him to the kindness of the churches of Kansas, and sincerely condoling with him on the loss of his wife and son, both of whom died while he was laboring here.

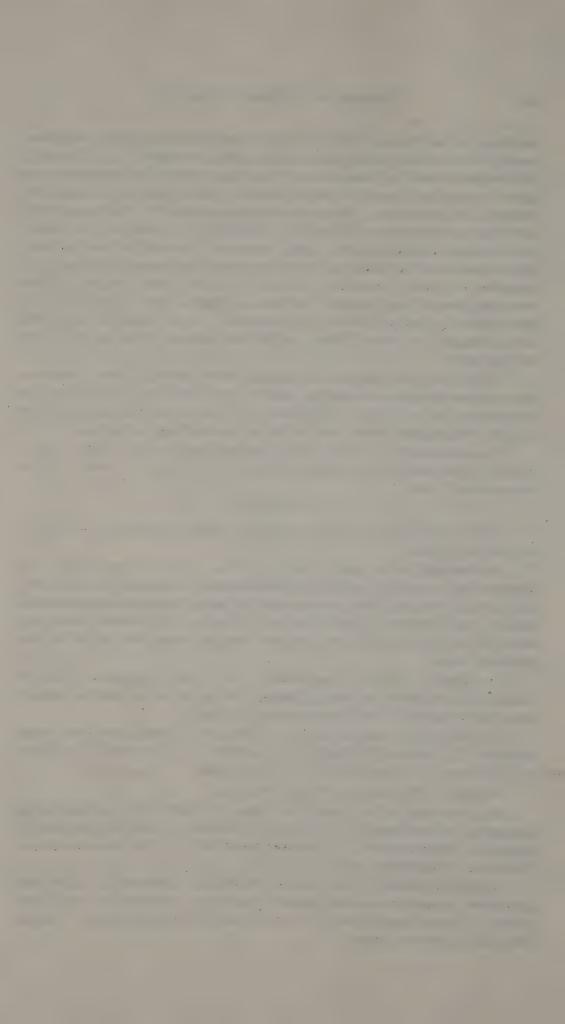
On March 13, 1865, it was voted to call Rev. Stephen T. Allen, of Aurora, Ill., as Rector of Trinity Parish. Mr. Allen sent a letter of acceptance dated March 20, which appears on the records.

At the annual meeting April 17, 1865, the following vestrymen were elected. J. Compton, M. Couch J. G. Gordon, W. C. Brewster, C. E. Kent, J. P. Walton, S. A. Foulke and J. B. Dougherty.

On May 1, 1865, the pews rented for \$1,215.

At a meeting of the vestry held May 15, a committee was appointed consisting of Rev. Stephen T. Allen, J. B. Dougherty and J. Compton to revise the Parish records. I think they never did it, for no revision can now be found. (I wish they had.)

At a vestry meeting held August 28, 1865, Rev. Stephen T. Allen was appointed a committee to raise money to pay the balance due Rev. John Ufford. It would seem from this that all the debts were not paid. I think the balance was not large.



At a vestry meeting the 4th of September it was ordered to move the singer's platform from the rear of the church, where the font now stands, to the front where the organ is now.

At a vestry meeting held September 18, 1865, it was voted to allow the ladies to fresco the church, provided they would not make the vestry liable in any way for the same.

The church was frescoed during the autumn or before the close of the year, at a cost of \$350 for the work, most of which, I think, was paid by the ladies and Sunday School classes.

At a meeting held at the church November 2, 1865, J. B. Dougherty tendered his resignation as treasurer, warden and vestryman of this Parish, which was declined.

On November 8th S. A. Foulke was elected treasurer pro tem. Moses Couch tendered his resignation as collector for the church, and J. P. Walton was elected to fill the vacancy.

---1866----

There were fifteen baptisms, twenty confirmations, four marriages and eleven burials.

At the annual meeting held April 2d the following were elected vestrymen: William Leffingwell, Jacob Compton, John J. Smith, S. A. Foulke, C. E. Kent, Jos. P. Ament, T. D. Smith. A series of resolutions directing the vestry how to expend the revenue of the church was adopted. H. W. Moore offered a resolution, which was adopted, ordering the pews to be assessed at \$1,600.

At a meeting of the vestry held April 17, 1866, it was voted to sell the pews on the 24th inst. On motion, J. P. Walton was appointed collector for the Parish, with a compensation of two per centum on amounts collected. (I have not any recollection of collecting any money; perhaps I did, however. J. P. W.)

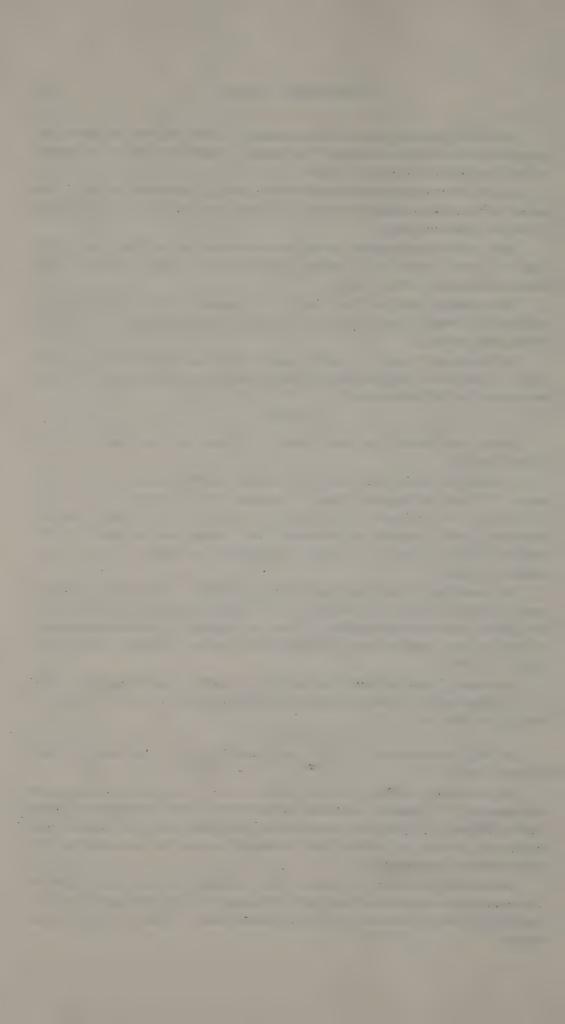
At a vestry meeting held May 14th J. J. Smith, Ansel Humphreys and J. P. Walton were elected delegates to attend the convention to be held at Muscatine May 30.

---1867---

In 1867 there were six baptisms, eight confirmations, two marriages and seven burials.

At a meeting of the vestry held March 9th a resolution was passed on the death of J. Compton, a member of the vestry. The treasurer reported that a debt of some \$600 had been standing for some time. A motion was made and carried to collect and discharge the same by soliciting weekly subscriptions for that object.

On March 31st a vote of thanks was tendered to Mrs. Sarah Hershe-Brannan, as she was about to depart to Europe, "for the distinguished skill and ability with which she has conducted the music in the services of the church."



At the annual Parish meeting held April 22, 1867, J. B. Dougherty, J. P. Ament, C. E. Kent, J. J. Smith, S. A. Foulke, T. D. Smith and G. R. White were elected vestrymen.

At a Parish meeting held April 30th but five pews were rented.

On May 14th G. R. White resigned his position as vestryman and junior warden. J. P. Walton was elected to fill the two vacancies.

At a vestry meeting May 11th J. B. Dougherty offered the following:

"Resolved, That we regard it as for the best interest of the Parish that Rev. Stephen T. Allen, Rector of said church, should tender his resignation, to take place at the end of this quarter," which was rejected.

A resolution was adopted stating in view of the insufficiency of funds to pay the salary of the Rector, it was considered inadvisable to employ the Rector for a longer term than the end of the present quarter. Also a resolution was adopted thanking Mr. Gillett, Mrs. McGee and Mrs. Allen for the music furnished, and appointing Mr. Gillett as director.

H. W. Moore, C. E. Kent and J. E. Fletcher were elected delegates to the convention at Clinton May 29.

On July 16, 1867, a communication from Rev. Stephen G. Allen was received offering to resign, when the vestry should think proper to have him.

At a meeting July 17th a motion was adopted fixing Mr. Allen's salary at \$800, with the promise if the fund would warrant to make it \$1,000 per annum

At a meeting February 15, 1868, Rev. Stephen T. Allen tendered his resignation, which was accepted, with a resolution expressing the good feeling of the vestry.

Rev. Mr. Allen came here a middle aged man, of more than ordinary ability; a man with an immense fund of knowledge and observation; in fact, a man with a great mind. He was a native of New England, born in Heath, Mass., in 1809. Graduated at Amherst College in 1833; graduated at Andove Theological Seminary in 1837; became a Congregational minister in 1838. From 1850 to 1856 he was the editor of Merry's Museum of New York; in 1861 he was ordained Deacon in Chicago by Bishop Whitehouse, and ordained by the same Bishop to the priesthood in 1862. He officiated during his life at Aurora, at Napierville, at Galesburg, at Museatine and Chicago. He died May 13, 1878, at Aurora, Ill., aged 69 years.

Mr. Allen was not a high churchman. He joined the Episcopal church at a mature age, but, like many new beginners, he was quite zealous; more so than we had at that time been in the habit of looking for in our Rector. He together with Mrs. Allen, were very active Sunday school workers. The Christmas tree was introduced at their suggestion, a large library was secured, and much good Christian work was done by them. They were well liked by the congregation. After leaving here they made several visits to us, and he officiated several times, with a cordial reception.



----1868----

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In the year there were thirty-four baptisms, no confirmations, no marriages, four burials.

At the annual meeting of the Parish J. E. Fletcher, E. P. White, G. R. White, Thomas Brown, J. P. Walton, J. G. Gordon and J. B. Dougherty were elected vestrymen. On motion of Mr. H. W. Moore "the thanks of the Parish were tendered to Mr. Thomas Brown for kindness in reading service during the past few weeks."

On May 4th J. B. Dougherty was directed to write to the Bishop relative to Mr. F. Humphrey.

May 12th J. J. Smith, Thomas Brown and H. W. Moore were appointed delegates, and Van Nostrand, Kent and Walton alternates to the convention to be held at Keokuk May 27. An invitation to Rev. F. Humphreys to officiate as Rector at \$1,000 per annum was voted unanimously.

May 19th the call to Rev. F. Humphreys was re-considered, and the matter laid on the table.

On the 23rd it was voted to discontinue Sunday evening services.

June 1st Rev. Mr. Humphreys was called at \$1,200 a year.

September 21st the finance committee reported the Parish debt to be \$885.

November 4th Rev. Mr. Humphreys reported that \$885 had been pledged to pay off the church debt, and George R. White was appointed a committee to collect the funds and pay the debt.

---1869----

During the year there were six baptisms, twenty-five confirmations, one marriage, three burials.

On the 20th of March Mr. Terry, the organist, resigned, and Miss Belle Gillett was elected in his stead at \$25 for three months.

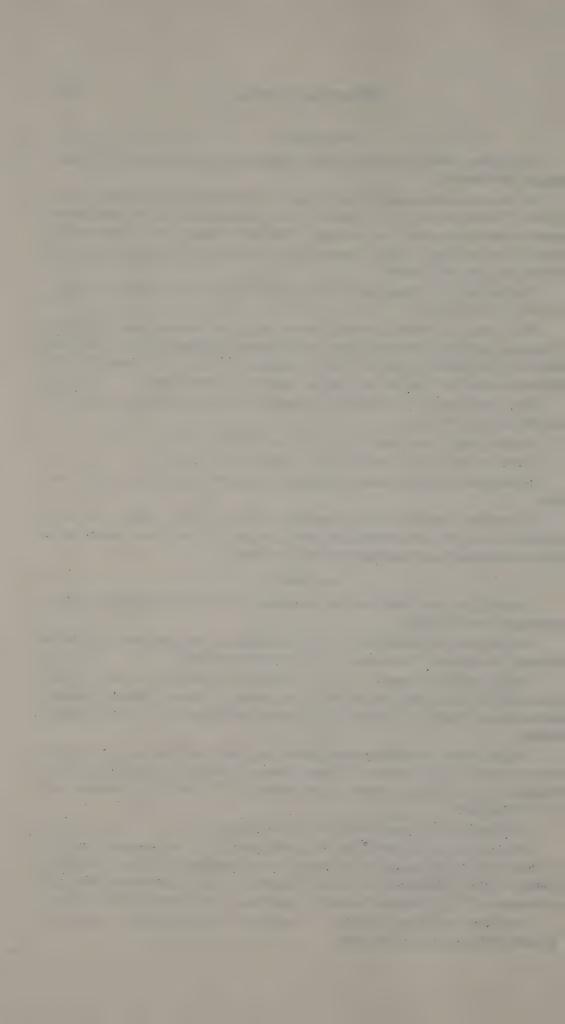
March 29th the report of G. R. White shows that the old debt of \$885 was paid, but some smaller amounts yet unpaid. Thomas Brown, Sunday school superintendent, reported \$79.21 raised and expended on the Sunday school.

At the annual Parish meeting March 29, 1869, the following vestrymen were elected: J. E. Fletcher, Thomas Brown, George R. White, R. D. Van Nostrand, E. P. White, Jerome Carskaddan, C. E. Kent, J. G. Gordon and J. B. Dougherty.

On April 1st the pews were assessed at \$1,624.

On May 10th J. E. Fletcher, W. Leffingwell, W. Van Nostrand, with C. E. Kent, G. R. White and E. P. White, were appointed delegates and alternates to the convention at Cedar Rapids. It was understood that the expenses of W. Leffingwell should be paid out of the funds of the Parish.

May 27th an effort was made to raise Rev. Mr. Humphreys' salary to \$1,400, but was laid on the table.



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May 30, 1869, the motion of fixing the Rector's salary at \$1,400 was voted down. The salary motion of Mr. Thos. Brown finally carried by five to three for \$1,400, at which rate it was fixed. A committee was appointed to erect a new bell frame.

On July 5th the bill of J. P. Walton of \$109.95 for bell frame and other repairs was allowed. The committee was discharged and the treasurer was instructed to settle with Mr. Walton. (It was a long time after this before the bill was paid.) It was finally paid by the Young Ladies' Guild and pew rents.

On October 4th a vote of thanks was passed by the vestry to the Young Ladies' Guild for their generosity in presenting the church with a new carpet and other repairs.

November 1, 1869, a motion was carried asking the Young Ladies' Guild to remit their claim on Mr. Gillett, the chorister, for old carpet sold him. The old carpet was given to the Guild to sell and make all they could out of it. Mr. Gillett seems to have bought some, and wanted to make a turn of his salary as chorister to pay for it. Mr. Gillett seems to have left the choir on February 14, 1870. Seth Humpreys and W. H. Van Nostrand, were appointed to take charge of it. Mr. Humphreys declined.

In the year there were two baptisms, one confirmation, no marriage four burials.

On February 14th it was reported that the Rector's fund was about \$300 short.

April 18th it was voted by the vestry that the Sunday school should report annually to the vestry, and that the Young Ladies Guild should also report.

At the annual meeting April 18, 1870, H. W. Moore, J. E. Fletcher, Thomas Brown, J. G. Gordon, J. B. Dougherty, George R. White, Wm. Leffingwell, J. J. Smith, R. D. Van Nostrand and J. Carskaddan were elected vestrymen. This was a large vestry for a small church like Trinity. On the same evening it was voted by the vestry to allow five per cent, for collecting pew rents.

On April 25th H. W. Moore and J. E. Fletcher tendered their resignations. A committee was appointed to wait on Messrs. Moore and Fletcher in regard to their resignations. The committee reported on April 30th that they had called on the gentlemen, and that Mr. Moore persistently declined to serve. The matter was then continued to the next meeting.

At a Parish meeting on Monday, May 2, it was decided to have the church pews free and not to rent them, but to depend on a subscription for funds for the church.

Vestry meeting May 10th the resignations of Messrs. Moore and Fletcher were accepted. The vacancies of wardens were filled by Wm. Leffingwell,



sr., and J. J. Smith, jr. It was voted to pay the expenses of the Rector and delegates to the convention, who were: J. E. Fletcher, Ansel Humphreys, J. J. Smith, delegates; J. P. Ament, W. H. Van Nostrand and J. P. Walton, alternates. The salary of the Rector was reduced to \$1,000 for the coming year.

July 26th the deficiency had reached \$500.

For several of the late meetings the church debt had been the all-absorbing topic of business, with nothing done to pay it. It is evident that the church has been trying to pay a larger salary than it could do, or than the Rector was worth to the church. It makes little difference which way you put it; the deal don't balance.

There were thirteen baptisms, six confirmations, two marriages and six burials in the year.

At the regular annual Parish meeting April 10th the indebtedness of the church was reported at near \$700. The receipts of the Sunday school during the year were \$39.69. Number of scholars 63; teachers 9; total 72. The Sunday collections during the year were \$82.49. The following vestremen were elected: J. E. Fletcher, John Brown, W. H. Van Nostrand, Jos. P. Ament, S. A. Foulke.

At a vestry meeting April 24, 1871, the resignations of J. E. Fletcher and J. P. Ament were accepted. S. A. Foulke's resignation was tendered, but was laid on the table. G. R. White and F. R. Lewis were elected to fill the vacancies made by Fletcher and Ament

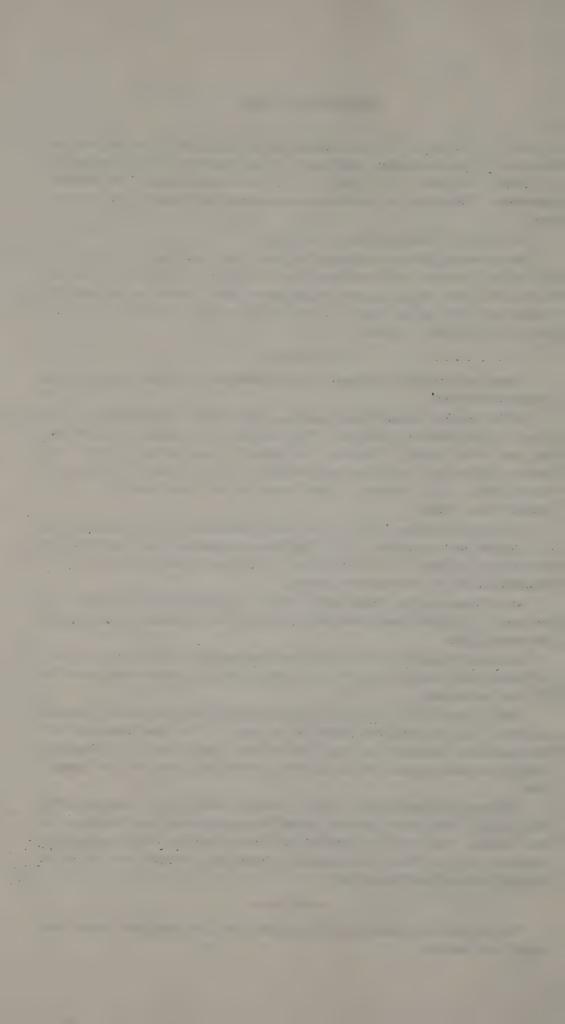
At a Parish meeting held May 1, 1871, it was moved and carried to ask the vestry to decide upon some plan to defray the expenses of the church the coming year.

At a vestry meeting May 2, 1871, the resignations of G. R. White and S. A. Foulke were accepted, and T. D. Smith and O. M. Brown were elected to fill the vacancies.

Vestry meeting May 9th T. D. Smith resigned his position as treasurer, and Wm. Van Nostrand was placed in his stead. Wm. Van Nostrand held this position as treasurer as long as he lived, until 1889. J. E. Fletcher, Ansel Humphreys and F. R. Lewis were elected delegates to the convention.

The past year has been a year of vestry meeting and resignation of vestrymen. The whole trouble is that the expenses are kept too large for the receipts. The habit of putting the more wealthy or the best paying members on the vestry and making them pay liberally for the honor appears to have come to an end.

In the year there were eleven baptisms, two confirmations, three marriages, two burials.



At the regular annual Parish meeting held April 7th John Brown, J. P. Ament, W. H. Van Nostrand, O. R. Ellis and F. R. Lewis were elected vestrymen.

Parish meeting May 6th it was decided to pay Mr. Humphreys \$1,000 a year until June next, about \$280. The amount was pledged then.

May 13, 1872, O. R. Ellis, C. E. Kent and R. D. Van Nostrand were elected delegates, and J. P. Ament, S. A. Foulke and George R. White alternates.

At a meeting of the vestry a resolution expressing the sorrow at the death of one of their number, John Brown, who has been a very faithful and devout Christian, and one that always bore an untarnished character, was adopted. The report of the treasurer showed a debt of \$618.80.

At a meeting August 17, 1872, Rev. F. Humphreys tendered his resignation as Rector of this parish. It was stated the amount due him as salary was \$275.55. G. R. White was elected vestryman and senior warden to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John Brown.

Rev. Frederick Humphreys had spent nearly four years with us, with varying success. He left no enemies or ill feelings, neither did he make any especial warm friends. He was too high priced a man for the Parish; the vestry were always short of money to meet his demands, and they were all the while dropping behind. While his first year's work was very satisfactory, I thought it was largely due to the foundation laid by his predecessor, Rev. Stephen T. Allen. When clear of its influence his work did not show such progress, either in baptisms or confirmations. Possibly this was due in a great measure to his congregation, who gradually lost interest in him, and did not help him as they should.

On December 4th, 1872, Rev R. T. Roach, D. D., of Philadelphia, was invited to come and spend three or four weeks with this Parish, with the understanding that his expenses should be paid.

On January 3, 1873, a call was extended to Rev. Roach at \$1,500 a year, and accepted. Another mistake in offering so much, as time showed; not too much for Dr. Roach, but too much for the resources of the Parish.

---1873----

At the annual meeting April 14th W. H. Van Nostrand, G. R. White, J. B. Dougherty, H. W. Moore, J. P. Ament, J. Carskaddan and F. R. Lewis were elected vestrymen. The report shows the church debt to be \$907.71. H. W. Moore, J. A. Green, R. D. Van Nostrand were delegates; G. R. White, J. G. Gordon, C. E. Kent were alternates.

The register shows in 1873 that there were eighteen baptisms, fourteen confirmations, four marriages, eleven burials.

At a vestry meeting August 6, 1873, it was voted to collect all delinquent pew rents that were more than six months in arrears by suit at law, (J. Carskaddan offered the above motion, unless the vestry deemed it inexpedient to do so. I never heard of any being collected in that manner.



---1874----

The register shows twenty-seven baptisms, seven confirmations, four marriages, seven burials.

At the annual meeting April 6th H. W. Moore, J. B. Dougherty, J. Carskaddan, W. H. Van Nostrand, G. R. White, J. P. Ament and F. R. Lewis were elected vestrymen.

At the vestry meeting April 6th it was voted by the vestry that no expense should be incurred except by the action of the vestry. The Easter offering April 5, 1874, had for rectory fund, \$75.40, for organ fund, \$32.25, for Bishop's fund, \$12; total \$119.65. Ordinary plate collection for the year, \$178.17. The total receipts for the year were \$2,223.98. At this meeting the debt of the church was reported to be \$1,002.57. \$984.57 was due to W. H. Nan Nostrand, treasurer, for money advanced; also \$380 convention dues; in all \$1,382.75.

August 4, 1874, the convention dues were settled by a compromise, the Parish paying \$165, the convention remitting the balance. Thomas Brown, C. E. Kent, T. N. Brown were delegates; R. D. Van Nostrand, J. A. Greene, F. R. Lewis were alternates.

DEATH OF BISHOP LEE.

The death of Bishop Lee was felt with much sorrow; the church was draped in black the entire length, and a special service was held. In this church occurred his first official act as Bishop of Iowa in confirming a class of twenty-six in 1855, also his last act in confirming a class of six on May 14, 1874. The Bishop had always been a kind parent to this church, and was loved and respected by all of Trinity's members.

At a called Parish meeting October 29th a communication was received from the standing committee asking that delegates be appointed to a convention to be held at Davenport December 9, 1874, to elect a Bishop for this Diocese. H. W. Moore, J. Carskaddan and Thos. Brown were appointed delegates.

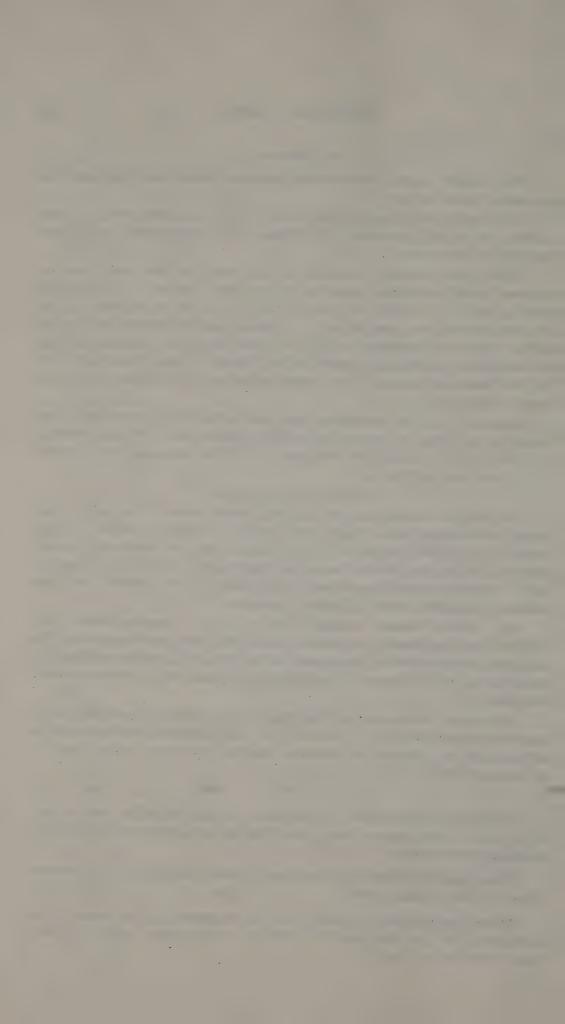
At a special vestry meeting December 15th a resolution was adopted to close the church after the first day of May, 1875, unless \$1,600 be pledged in writing for the payment of expenses, and that the salary be continued at \$1,500 until May 1, 1875.

---1875----

The Parish register shows five baptisms, two marriages and two burials in the year. (Two pages of the register containing confirmations have been removed; years 1875-6.)

Vestry meeting March 25th the time of closing the church was extended from May 1st to June 1, 1875.

At the Parish meeting March 27th J. B. Dougherty, H. W. Moore, J. G. Gordon, W. H. Van Nostrand, G. R. White, J. Carskaddan and F. R. Lewis were elected vestrymen.



May 4th H. W. Moore, W. H. Van Nostrand and J. Carskaddan were elected delegates: R. D. Van Nostrand, J. P. Ament and J. G. Gordon, alternates.

Vestry meeting June 1, 1875, Rev. Dr. Roach tendered his resignation as Rector of the Parish, which was accepted, with a series of resolutions expressing the good will and fellowship of the Parish.

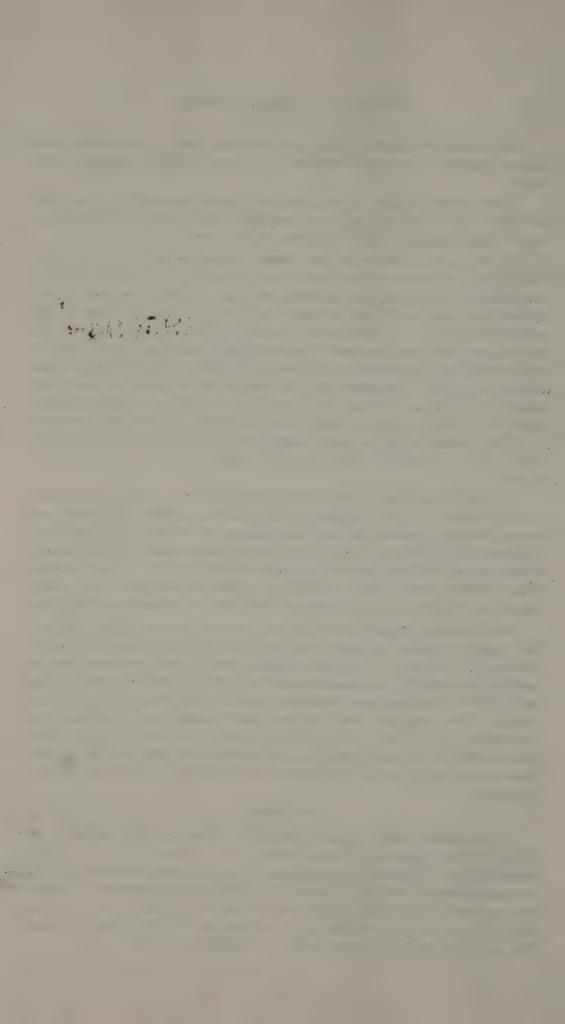
Dr. Roach was a native of Nova Scotia; was raised all his life time in the church, very liberal in his church views, a man that was soon known by everybody, and one that was desirous of being known. He was a jolly good fellow; was ready and willing to help on any occasion, either in the church or out of it. He had become somewhat itinerant in his habits. In turning over the barrel he would frequently get a seafaring sermon that he had undoubtedly prepared in his younger days for his Nova Scotia congregation, and gave us the benefit of it, it being so out of place we would frequently recollect it. During the Doctor's stay here our church increased more than could be expected, and when the Doctor left everybody regretted it. I am inclined to think that he would not have left us so soon, but the cold winters admonished him to try a warmer climate, and he went to Florida.

At a called meeting of the vestry July 15, 1875 a series of resolutions on the death of J. B. Dougherty were passed. Brother Dougherty was among the early members of the congregation, confirmed in 1855; had probably contributed about as much money as any other member for the support of the church, and likely served as much time on the vestry as any one else, even up to the present time. In the loss of Brother Dougherty the church lost one of its principal supporters, and one that was missed for a long time.

The treasurer's report March 22, 1875, showed the debt to May 1st will be \$1,456.67, \$1,082.67 of which was due W. H. Van Nostrand for money advanced as treasurer. Mr. Van Nostrand was a good treasurer for the credit of the church, but a poor one for the church. He had money of his own, and when a claim was presented he paid it and charged it up to the church. This kept the credit of the church good, but it increased the church debt all the time. If he had no money of his own he would have collected it as as he went along and the church would have been out of debt. However, when the increasing debt was finally paid he collected nearly the whole of it.

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At the annual meeting April 17th H. W. Moore, J. Carskaddan G. R. White, W. Van Nostrand, Thomas Brown, T. N. Brown and F. R. Lewis were elected vestrymen. Reports were had from the treasurer and the superintendent of the Sunday school, J. P. Walton, who reported 192 scholars enrolled; the average attendance for the last ten weeks was 131; the total receipts for the year, \$160.51; the total expenditures for the year, \$144.44; in the treasury, \$15.57, with 238 books in the library.



May 16, 1876, the following were elected: H. W. Moore, J. Carskaddan, Thomas Brown, delegates; R. D. Van Nostrand, J. P. Ament, Thomas N. Brown, alternates.

During the year 1876 the register shows two baptisms by Rev. Arthur C. Stilson and one by W. A. Darby, one marriage, two burials.

After Dr. Roach left Rev. Arthur C. Stilson officiated during the remainder of the year. He was studying for the ministry at Davenport, and came down here weekly, and received \$10 per week as pay. After he was ordained he was called to Ottumwa and left us. He was much liked and it was understood that our vestry should extend a call to him, but not acting quick enough, Ottumwa got in ahead of us. 1936948

---1877----

The register shows six baptisms, eleven confirmations, four marriages, ten burials.

At a vestry meeting January 10th it was voted to call Rev. W. H. Gallagher, of Albany, N. Y., as Rector of this church, at a salary of \$1,000 per year, which was accepted.

At the annual Parish meeting held April 2, 1877, H. W. Moore, J. Carskaddan, T. Brown, T. N. Brown, W. H. Van Nostraud, G. R. White and F. R. Lewis were elected to the vestry. The church debt had accumulated to \$1,023.51. J. P. Walton, Sunday school superintendent, reported the scholars, teachers and officers enrolled at 232; 500 books in the library. Cash on hand at last report, \$16.07; received during the year, \$105.85; total \$121.92; paid out during the year, \$111.10; balance on hand, \$10.82. The maximum attendance during the year was 190; the minimum attendance was 78; the mean attendance for the year was 145. There has been an increase of fifty members during the year.

April 25th H. W. Moore, Thomas Brown and J. Carskaddan were appointed delegates; G. R. White, T. N. Brown and R. D. Van Nostrand alternates.

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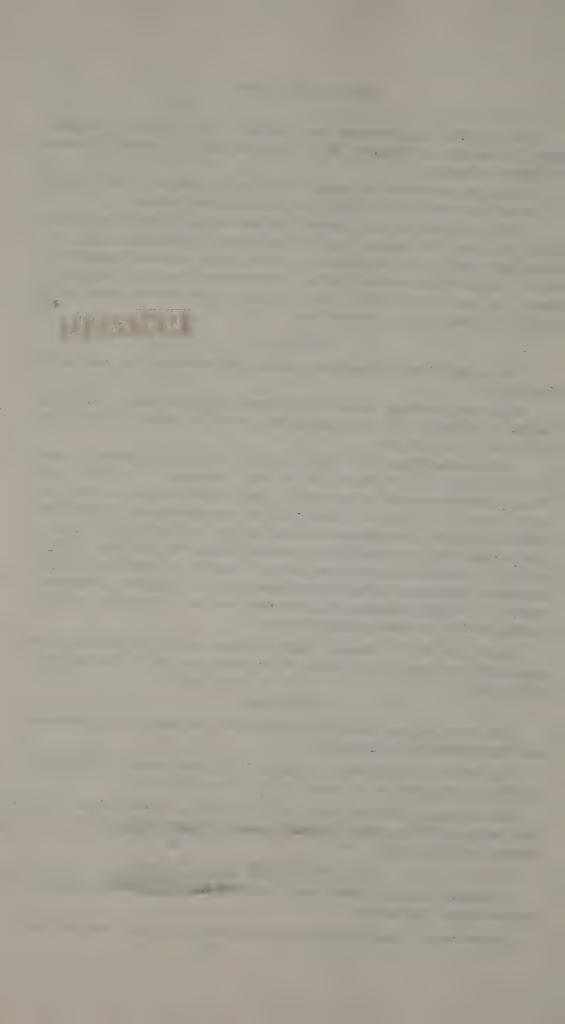
The Parish register shows six baptisms, two confirmations, one marriage and four burials during the year.

March 6th J. Carskaddan, T. Brown, F. R. Lewis were delegates, and W. H. Van Nostrand, T. N. Brown, H. W. Moore alternates.

At the annual meeting April 22, H. W. Moore, J. Carskaddan, W. H. Van Nostrand, G. R. White, Thomas Brown, T. N. Brown and F. R. Lewis were elected vestrymen.

The church register shows there were ten baptisms, one confirmation, two marriages, four burials.

At the annual Parish meeting Easter Monday, 1879, there was no elec-



tion of vestry; the old ones held over. The delegates were: H. W. Moore, J. Carskaddan and Thomas Brown; alternates—W. H. Van Nostrand, J. B. Dougherty and R. D. Van Nostrand.

October 18th a leave of absence was granted Rev. W. H. Gallagher. He returned in good time.

----1880------

The register shows five baptisms, five confirmations, no marriages, three burials during the year.

At a special meeting of the vestry April 21, Rev. W. H. Gallagher tendered his resignation. The secretary was instructed to correspond with Mr. Gallagher and ask him to withdraw his resignation, which he declined to do.

On April 22d the resignation was accepted, with the usual resolutions.

Mr. Gallagher was young and independent. He was not only able but was brilliant. He lacked the discretion that years have undoubtedly given him.

At a Parish meeting May 3, 1880, it was voted to close the church for a time and have it cleaned and repaired.

DONATION OF WILLIAM VAN NOSTRAND.

At a vestry meeting held in December, 1880, the treasurer, W. H. Van Nostrand, made a statement that he would that day cancel all the church indebtedness and consider the same paid, so far as his claims were concerned. The vestry passed a resoltion thanking him for the same. Mr. Van Nostrand held about all the church debt, having advanced money for the church when it was needed; and then to donate the claim was more than could be expected of any one. This was one of Mr. Van Nostrand's many generous acts toward the church. He was an unmarried man, and looked after the welfare of the church much as a parent would after a child.

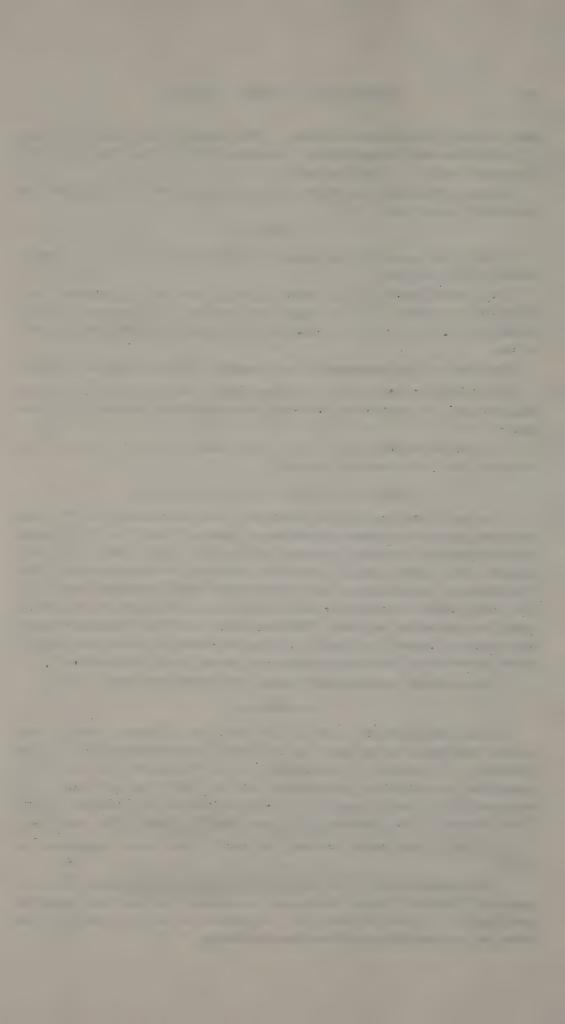
The amount of indebtedness donated was something over \$1,000.

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At the annual Parish meeting April 18th the following persons were elected vestrymen for the year: H. W. Moore, Thomas Brown, W. H. Van Nostrand, T. N. Brown, J. Carskaddan, G. R. White and F. R. Lewis. A committee was appointed to investigate into the right of women voting, and to report at next Parish meeting. A vote of thanks was tendered W. H. Van Nostrand for his generous gift in canceling the debts of the church.

July 14th it was ordered to keep the church closed until September 18, 1881.

I would state here that we had occasional services held by professors or pupils of Griswold College, Davenport, we generally paying them about \$10 per Sunday. To use an every day expression, we made a good place for them to practice and get a little spending money.



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August 21, 1881, Rev. H. B. Restarick was called at \$50 per month, to be continued as long as the vestry deemed it expedient.

---1882----

There were eleven baptisms, nine confirmations, one marriage, two burials.

At the annual Parish meeting H. W. Moore, J. Carskaddan, G. R. White, W. H. Van Nostrand, Thomas Brown, R. D. Van Nostrand and F. R. Lewis were elected vestrymen.

April 24th Thomas Brown was elected delegate to the convention at Council Bluffs.

July 1, 1882, Rev. H. B. Restarick tendered his resignation, and it was accepted. Rev. Restarick was a young graduate from Griswold College, and only stopped here a short time until he thought he could do better. He went to California, and was there the last time I heard from him.

Rev. H. S. C. Bradden, of Davenport, was called to officiate at the rate of \$10 per Sunday.

July 17, 1882, a communication from Bishop Perry asking us to take Rev. Garrett in place of Mr. Bradden was received, but not adopted.

----1883-----

In the year there were three baptisms, five confirmations, no marriages, no burials.

At the annual Parish meeting Easter Monday it was ordered that the ladies take charge of collecting the pew rents.

On April 14th it was voted to ask the Ladies Rectory Society to contribute \$100 towards repairing the church.

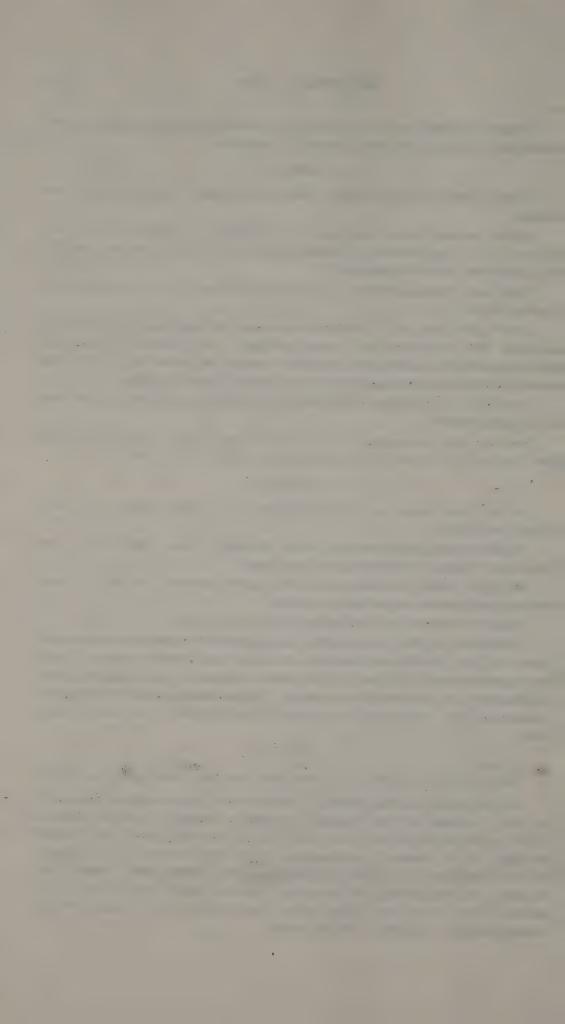
There is no record of an election of vestry this year.

November 28, 1883, a committee was appointed to provide accommodations for Rev. Dr. Seymour while in the city, Rev. Bradden having closed his connection with this Parish. He was a member of the English family of Bradden's, of considerable notoriety. The authoress, Miss Bradden, was a cousin of his. I think he took charge of an English Parish near Le Mars, Iowa.

____1884____

There were five baptisms, six confirmations, three marriages, no burials.

At the Parish meeting Easter Monday it was voted to allow the women to vote. A report of the treasurer showed a balance of cash on hand of \$77.80, something that never occurred before since this Parish first started, in 1839. H. W. Moore, J. Carskaddan, W. H. Van Nostrand, T. N. Brown, Robert Slaughter, R. D. Van Nostrand and J. K. Martin were elected vestrymen. At this meeting the location of the new organ was left to a committee of two members of the vestry, two members of the Ladies Parish Association and the Rector, Mr. Seymour.



April 27, 1884, a vote of thanks was tendered the ladies for their success as collectors of pew rent, and they were requested to continue.

An organ concert was held April 23, 1884, with good financial results.

May toth J. Carskaddan and W. H. Van Nostrand were appointed delegates, and H. W. Moore and Thos. Brown alternates. A call was extended to Rev. C. H. Seymour to become Rector of this church, which was accepted.

---1885----

In the year there were two baptisms, three confirmations, no marriages, no burials.

At the regular Parish meeting held April 6th the following vestrymen were elected: H. W. Moore, J. Carskaddan, W. H. Van Nostrand, S. A. Foulke, J. K. Martin, J. P. Walton and T. N. Brown, for the year 1885. A series of resolutions thanking the organist, Miss Gertie Carskaddan, and the choir, under charge of Dr. Sterneman, were adopted.

On April 11th the question of having Mr. Seymour become a resident Rector of this Parish was considered. Heretofore he lived in Davenport.

On April 20 a proposition from Mr. Seymour offering to officiate for the Parish for \$750 per year, he retaining his residence in Davenport, was accepted.

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At the annual Parish meeting, held Easter Monday, H. W. Moore, J. Carskaddan, J. P. Walton, S. A. Foulke, T. N. Brown, W. H. Van Nostrand and J. G. H. Little were elected vestrymen for the year.

In the year 1886 there were three baptisms, three confirmations, no marriages, two burials.

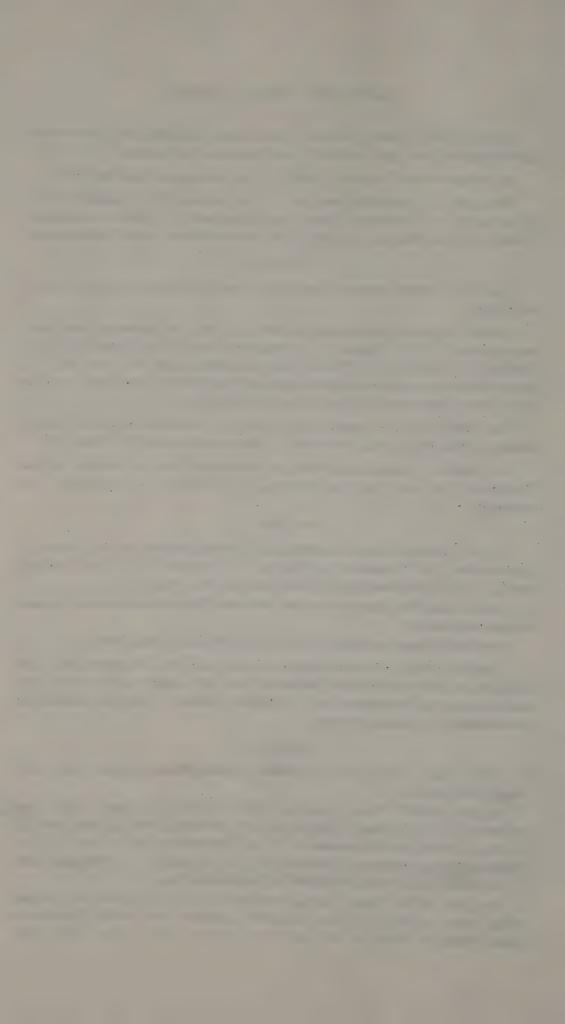
July 16th it was decided to close the church until September 19.

December 8th it was ordered to extend to Rev. E. C. Paget a call to act as Rector of this church after January 1, 1887, at a salary of \$10 per Sunday, with the understanding that a certain number of services should be held outside of Sunday services.

There were twenty-seven haptisms, eighteen confirmations, one marriage, three burials.

At the annual Parish meeting April 11th H. W. Moore, W. H. Van Nostrand, J. Carskaddau, T. D. Smith, J. P. Walton, J. G. H. Little and T. N. Brown were elected vestrymen. It was ordered that the vestry call Rev. Paget as Rector, which was done on the 21st of April. J. Carskaddau and T. N. Brown were elected delegates to the convention.

On May 11, Mr. Paget, having accepted the call as Rector at \$10 per week, it was ordered that the treasurer present \$100 to Rev. Paget as a tribute from the Parish to help pay the expenses of his vacation trip. Mr.



Paget declined to accept the offer, and advised the money to be expended in repairing the church and enlarging the vestry room.

We have never before had a minister that declined to take all that was offered him.

The Rev. E. C. Paget, M. A. Oxon, who was invited to officiate in this Parish October, 1886, and who has been Rector since Easter, 1887, was born at the village of Swithland, Leicestershire, England, of which his father, the Rev. E. Y. Paget, was the Rector, August 14, 1851. (Mr. Paget's grandfather, Vice-Admiral the Honorable Sir Charles Paget, C. B., was a younger brother of the Earl of Uxbridge, subsequently created Marquis of Anglesey. who was second in command to Wellington at the Battle of Waterioo, and who afterwards was the leader of the opposition to the Iron Duke in the House of Lords, and for a time Lord Lieutenant of Ireland till his conciliatory policy, which endeared him to the Irish, led to his recall by a too timid government.) Mr. Paget was educated at Keble College in the University of Oxford, where he graduated in 1874 with First Class Honors in the School of Modern History. He subsequently spent a year at Cuddesdon Theological College in the Diocese of Oxford, was ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, Christmas, 1875, to the Curacy of Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol, and Priest in the following September. After serving in that Parish, at St. Paul's Cathedral Choir School and at a Missionary College in Oxfordshire, Mr. Paget entered upon work in America, and became Canon of Davenport Cathedral, which post he vacated to take charge of this Parish.

W. H. Van Nostrand and J. P. Walton were appointed a committee on repairs and improvements. T. D. Smith and Thomas Brown were appointed delegates to the convention.

On October 5, 1887, a deed of the Rectory lot was recorded in book 21, page 403, (lot 7, block 56,) to the Rectory Society of Trinity Church, or their successors.

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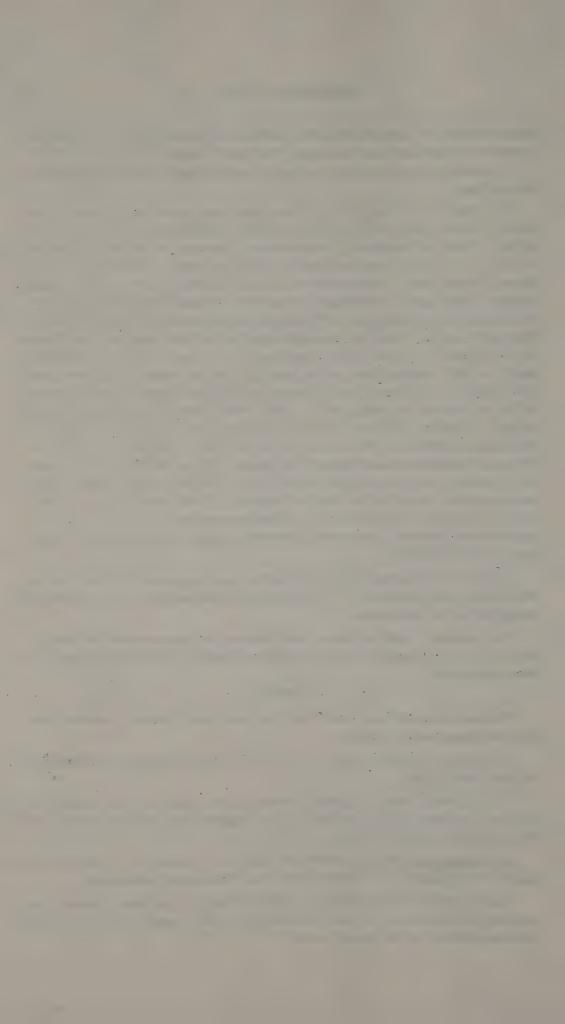
During the year there were forty-two baptisms, thirteen confirmations, two marriages, seven burials.

On January 4th the vestry voted to pay Mr. Paget \$100 additional on his last year's salary.

At the Parish meeting Easter Monday H. W. Moore, J. Carskaddan, W. H. Van Nostrand, J. P. Walton, T. D. Smith, J. G. H. Little and T. N. Brown were elected vestrymen.

At a vestry meeting J. Carskaddan and S. A. Foulke were elected delegates; T. D. Smith, T. N. Brown and Thos. Brown were alternates.

June 8, 1888, it was voted to pay Miss Howell \$2 per Sunday for services as singer in the choir. It was lordered that the treasurer pay Mr. Paget \$100 in addition to his regular salary.



July 28, 1888, it was voted that owing to the ill health of Rev. Mr. Scratchely to close the church until the return of the Rector, Mr. Paget.

November 23, 1888, it was ordered that \$100 be paid to the Rectory Extension Fund. The salary of the Rector was fixed at \$600 after the first of January, 1889.

There were thirty-nine baptisms, eighteen confirmations, three marriages, ten burials.

At a special meeting of the vestry J. Carskaddan, J. P. Walton, T. D. Smith and the Rector were appointed a committee to draw up resolutions on the death of our senior warden and treasurer, W. H. Van Nostrand, T. N. Brown was elected treasurer and H. W. Moore senior warden.

At the annual meeting of the Parish Easter Monday of 1889, H. W. Moore, J. Carskaddan, T. D. Smith, J. G. H. Little, J. P. Walton, S. A. Foulke and T. N. Brown were elected vestrymen. The resolution on the death of W. H. Van Nostrand was presented and adopted, and ordered placed in the minutes.

June 8, 1889, a committee of H. W. Moore, T. N. Brown and J. G. H. Little were appointed to put furnace in the church, the sum of \$362 having already been pledged.

September 22nd Mr. Paget stated "Aunt" Sarah Neville had donated a sum of money for him to use in a memorial way, and he wished to place the font near the front entrance, as her memorial. The privilege was granted.

On June 5, 1889, Rev. C. H. Seymour was married to Miss Mary Ament in the church, the first minister that was ever married in this Parish.

There were twenty-four baptisms, four confirmations, three marriages, six burials.

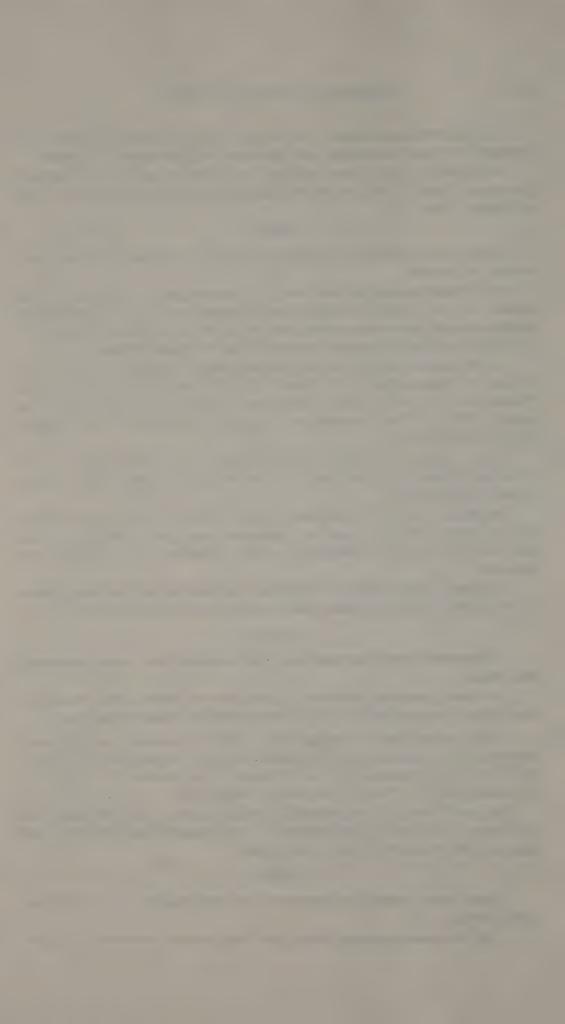
At a vestry meeting February 23, 1890, leave of absence was granted to Rev. Paget, he securing Mr. W. K. Berry to fill the vacancy temporarily.

At the annual Parish meeting April 7, 1890, the treasurer, T. N. Brown, reported the receipts \$1,430.24, expended \$1,359.36, balance on hand \$70.88. H. W. Moore J. Carskaddan, J. G. H. Little, S. A. Foulke, T. D. Smith, T. N. Brown and J. P. Walton were elected vestrymen.

On April 11th T. N. Brown and J. Carskaddan were made delegates, and Ed. Stocker and Harry Ryan alternates. The treasurer was ordered to pay \$35.44 to the treasurer of the Rectory Fund.

There were twenty-five baptisms, five confirmations, one marriage, seven burials.

At the annual meeting March 30th the treasurer reported a balanc



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on hand of \$120.15 H. W. Moore, J. Carskaddan, J. P. Walton, T. N. Brown, T. D. Smith, C. H. Sterneman and J. G. H. Little were elected vestrymen.

April 3rd permission was granted to Mr. Paget to place a litary desk in the church, which was the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas N. Brown. T. D. Smith, T. N. Brown and J. G. H. Little were appointed delegates, J. P. Walton, Dr. C. H. Sterneman and M. W. Griffin alternates. On motion, the expenses of the delegates were to be paid out of the funds of the Parish.

During the vacation of Rev. Mr. Paget in July and August Rev. Frederick Kendall Howard supplied the place. Rev. Howard was ordained to the priesthood in Trinity Church December 27, 1891.

During the the five years that Mr. Paget has been with us he has baptized 149, a larger number than any other Rector has done while here

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At a meeting of the vestry held February 20th, the resignation of Rev. Paget was presented and rejected, and a leave of absence, was granted for one year from the first of May, 1892.

At a vestry meeting held March 18th it was voted to make the Rector's salary \$900.

A LIST OF THE CLERGY.

The arst service held in the old Trimity Church was the funeral service of Matthew Matthews on March 16, 1842. It was conducted by Rev. John Stocker, a Presbyterian preacher. The church was not plastered, but as no other more convenient building could be had, the church that Mr. Matthews had been so active in erecting was used for that occasion. The city had no permanent cemetery at that time; graves were dug helter skelter on the ground where the Third Ward school house now stands, hence the body was deposited beside the church and afterwards removed.

Probably the first Episcopal service ever held in Bloomington, now Muscatine, was held on October 31, 1840, by the Rev. Bishop Kemper.

The first regular church service held in the old Trinity Church was on the first day of May, 1842, by Rev. G. H. Goldsmith, of Davenport.

On May 12, 1843, Rev. Samuel Sherwell, a deacon from New York, was placed in charge of the church.

Rev. James Keeler came here most likely in 1840.

Rev. John B. Calhoun came November 6, 1850.

Rev. John Ufford came here in November, 1852.

Rev. Mr. Allen officiated twenty days in August, 1861.

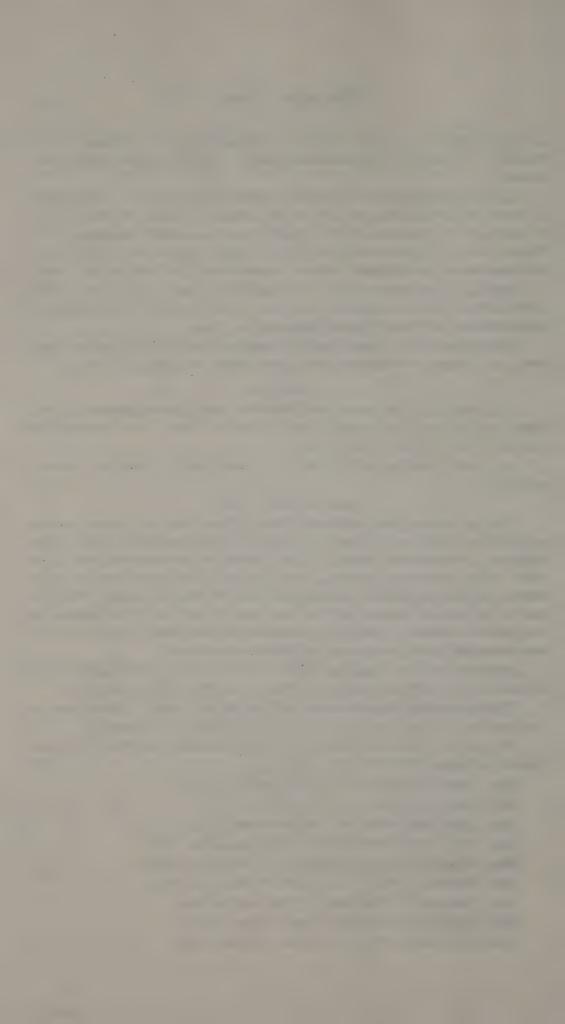
Rev. Robert H. G. Page came here in 1861; left in 1863.

Rev. Thomas H. Vail, D. D., came in 1863; left 1865.

Rev. Stephen T. Allen came in 1865; left in 1868.

Rev. Frederick Humphrey's came in 1868; left 1872.

Rev. R. T. Roach, D. D., came in 1873; left 1875.



Rev. A. C. Stilson officiated coming from Davenport, 1876.

Rev. William H. Gallagher came in 1877; left 1880.

Rev. H. B. Restarick came in 1881; left in 1882.

Rev. S. C. Bradden came in 1882; left in 1883.

Rev. Dr. C. H. Seymour officiated from 1883 to 1886,

Rev. Charles M. Kellogg three months in 1886.

Rev. E. C. Paget was called October, 1886.

December 27, 1891, Rev. Frederick Kendall Howard was ordained to the priesthood in Trinity Church,

A LIST OF MEMBERS TO 1862.

Contributors and attendants of Trinity church from 1839 to 1862, with the date of their connection with the church as closely as I have been able to ascertain.

Albee, E. H. and family 1859	Alexander, Mrs. M . 1855
Ainsworth, D. H. and family , 1859	Bennett, Joseph 1840
Bevard, Mrs. H. and family (85)	Bridgman, Miss C (888)
Brown, John and family 1854	Boyles, Miss. 1853
Brown, Christopher 1854	Butler, S. O. and family 1853
Brewster, W. C. and family 1855	Brown, Mrs. F. and family 1855
Boyle, Mr. and family 1855	Brannan, W. F. and family . 1855
Brown, R. and family 1855	Baechtell, Dr. Isaac 1855
Boyles, Mr 1855	Barlow, Mr. and Mrs 1856
Bidwell, Mr. and Mrs 1856	Belcher and family 1856
Bailey, Mr 1856	Booth, Misses J. and F. C 1858
Barrows, Mrs. E. and family . 1850	Brownell, Miss Francis 1859
Couch, Moses and family 1852	Collins, Mrs 1854
Compton, Jacob and family 1855	Compton, Harry and family . 1855
Clark, Miss	Carpenter, Dr. E 1856
Correll, Miss 1856	Campbell, Miss 1856
Campbell, Rev. W. T. (kept	Cole, Mrs. Ben 1859
school 1856	Dougherty, J. B 1848
Dougherty, J. M 1855	Drake, F. A 1855
Dunsmore, A. and family 1855	Daplain, Robert 1852
Draper, Charles 1855	Draper, R. W 1855
Dunn, E. W. D 1858	Damon, W 1859
Daymude, J. I 1859	Douglass, John and family . 1859
Fairchild, Dr. and daughter 1840	Foster, Suel 1840
Fitzsimmons, Mrs 1852	Fullerton, W. H 1855
Gordon, J. G. and family 1848	Green, J. A. and family . 1848
Green, Mrs. Lysena 1855	Humphreys, Ausel and family 1840
Hoopes, J. J. and family 1842	Hull, O. W. and family 1851
Humphreys, Seth and wife 1852	Hague, Mrs 1853
Hamilton, Mrs. Louisa 1854	Humphreys, Decius and wife . 1855
Hubbard, W. H 1855	Hershe, Benjamin and family 1855



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THE LADIES' WORK IN THE CHURCH.

The ladies' part of the church work commenced in 1842, when the old church was ready for occupancy. It was found that a Bible was necessary; the ladies took it upon themselves to get one. They collected the money and sent to St. Louis and got one, as no suitable one could be had nearer.

The Masonic Lodge, that built and occupied the second story, have an



old Bible of similar size and kind and purchased about the same time, and while trying to look up the history of the Mason's Bible I found the history of the church Bible. It is now in a good state of preservation, and is the property of Mrs. J. B. Dougherty. It was presented to her by the Rev. Dr. Vail, he having supplied a new one.

Previous to the arrival of Rev. John Ufford there seems to have been no regular organization among the church ladies. Soon after his arrival The Sewing Society was organized, with Mrs. Ufford as president. It had its under officers, committees, &c., and held regular social meetings about once a week during the winter. The women went in the afternoon and arranged their work. The men went in the evening. They had refreshments, of course, and a collection was taken up. In the death of Mrs. Ufford this society met with a very serious loss. Mrs. Ufford was a minister's wife in every sense of the word. She made it her especial business to see that every one was cared for, it mattered little how plainly he was dressed, how bashful he was or to what clique he belonged; at these sociables he was welcomed and well cared for, if it was possible for her to assist him in any way. Hence these socials were immensely popular.

This sewing society was re-organized with Mrs. Leffingwell at its head. Afterwards Mrs. Van Antwerp and possibly others managed it during the remainder of Mr. Ufford's stay with us, but it lacked the social spirit of its former days.

The following lines that appeared in one of our newspapers in 1858 was written as a description of the church sociables as they appeared during the latter part of the fifties:

SOCIABLES.

Neighbor Smith, if you can, I wish you'd explain
What these sociables are, that I hear are the rage;
Can the time be well spent, or would you advise
That in higher, and nobler pursuits we engage?

Well, as I understand, all the people agree

That they want to be sociable, for that they will meet

And proclaim, on a given night they can be found

At some given house, on such a named street.

So they meet for this purpose, and you would suppose
That in general pleasures, they would delight;
But in parties and cliques, you will see them divide.
Not even politeness, their ranks can unite.

Some neighbors together instinctively crowd

To hear all the news that each could collect;

The long talks that they hold, with grave shakes of the head,

Some "great wrong in Denmark," would make one suspect.



With a pretty assumption of childish naivette

Two near and dear friends will seat themselves low

On the floor, and proceed for an hour to discuss,

Perhaps, "Helper's Crisis," I'm sure I don't know.

Then of school girls a group, with a budget of news, Whose contents they noisily scatter around; And long and loud laughter would make one suppose That a wonderful jest, in a nutshell they'd found.

Then enters an "exquisite," smirking and bowing;
His special admirers, he speeds to enthrall
By chatting away in a manner that tells
That his head never aches from brain work at all.

But a modest young man meets a cold formal bow,
In a manner that says, at home you should rest;
Our smiles are for those whose brains may be less.
But the trifles they bring us are what we like best.

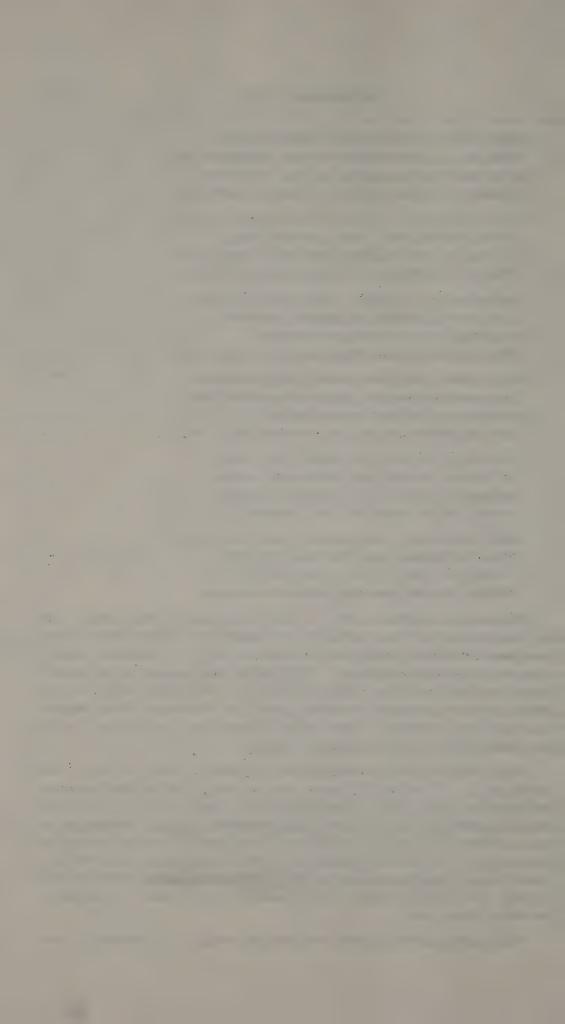
If a stranger insanely goes there in the hope
Of pleasure to find, new friendships contract.
A stranger he goes, still, a stranger he leaves,
In the code of their laws 'tis a prominent fact.

Noah Webster his "thinking cap" must have left off When in lexicon large, the word he defined; Or "sociable" has, in the age that we live, With a different meaning its letters entwined.

The natural condition of the city made the sociable what it was. The city was growing very fast, strangers were coming in rapidly, the churches were poor and were all struggling for the supremacy. The sociable seemed to be the place to get acquainted. They served their purpose in that respect better than anything else that was offered. The churches have now got settled down in their usual channels; even the Wesleyans have become about as formal as others. There seems to be no place for a certain class of the community but in the Salvation Army.

From 1861 to 1863, during the war, I think, the ladies did but little church work. When Dr. Vail came here in 1863, with his excellent wife and daughter, Maria, The Ladies Church Aid Society was organized, and was conducted with great success; making articles for sale, holding sociables and festivals, in fact all the dormant life of the old society seemed to have revived. In 1865 Mrs. Stephen T. Allen was president; work was continued, money raised to frescoe the church, which was done in the autumn of 1865. No further extensive church work was undertaken by the ladies for two or three years.

The Young Ladies' Church Guild was organized in the autumn of 1868,



with Miss Louisa Dunsmore at its head as president, Rebecca Hoopes vice-president, Belle Gillette, secretary. This society existed two years The young ladies each paid 25 cents a year, and the young men \$1.00 each. They held a New Year's reception at the residence of Mr. J. B. Dougherty, the gentlemen callers donating what they chose. On that day they cleared \$110. During the two years of their existence they made something like \$800.

The Ladies Church Aid Society was running and holding festivals at the time, many of the young ladies belonging to both. The money raised by the young ladies went for a new carpet, repairs on the church and paying debts.

THE LITTLE THIMBLES.

In 1874, during the ministry of Dr. Roach, his daughter Millie organized a society of Young Misses from 12 to 14 years of age. Their name, Little Thimbles, was suggested by Miss Lizzie Butler. Their members soon grew large enough to take a part with the older societies, of which there were two, The Church Aid Society and The Rectory Ladies. The proceeds of the Thimbles' work went to the Rectory Fund.

ST. AGNES GUILD.

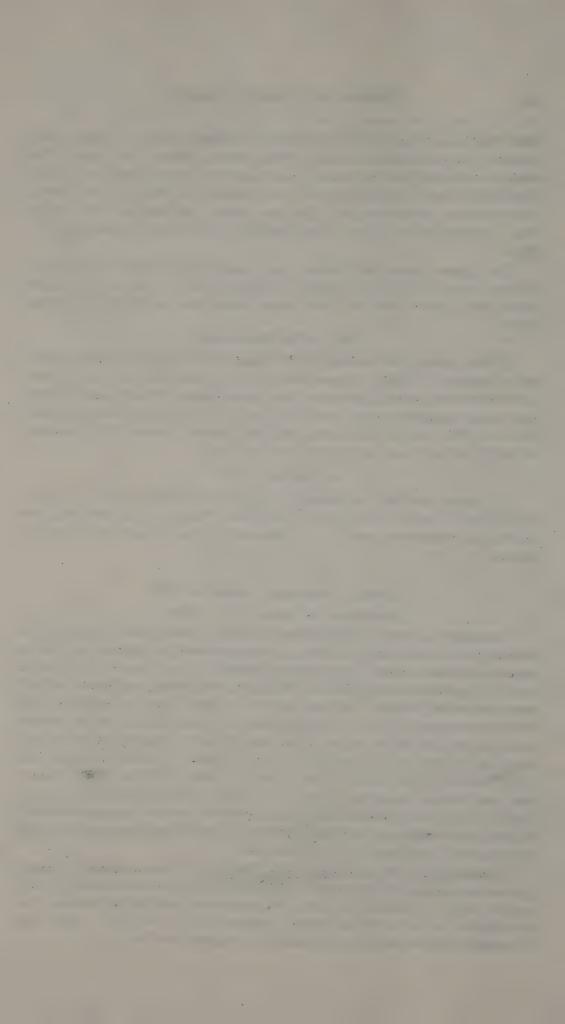
St. Agnes Guild was organized at first under the name of St. Catherine Guild during Lent in 1887, with Miss Fanny Paget as its president, for church and missionary work. It is composed of the younger Misses of the church.

TRINITY PARISH ASSOCIATION.

COMPILED BY MRS. J. P. WALTON.

November 1, 1871.—"The ladies of Trinity Church met in answer to a notice given the preceding Sunday. It was proposed to organize a church society for church work. After a free discussion as to object and manner of work, it was unanimously decided "that our own church and Sunday school need our united efforts." It was decided to meet once a fortnight, the ladies to meet at 2:30 p. m., the gentlemen and other friends to be invited after tea; a plain tea to consist of one kind of meat, one kind of bread and one kind of cake, to be furnished by the hostess. If anything more was furnished the hostess made herself liable to a line. Mrs. Dr. B.W. Thompson was elected president, Mrs. F. L. Dayton vice-president, Mrs. S. A. Foulke was nominated secretary, but declined for want of time, as also did several other ladies, and further election of officers was postponed until the next meeting, appointed at Mrs. Thompson's."

November 9.—The meeting at Mrs. Thompson's was a success. Twenty ladies were prompt in attendance and harmonious in expressions of willingness to work. A number of ladies and gentlemen came in the evening. It was decided to hold a fair and festival December 20th and 21st. Miss Lou Dunsmore was elected treasurer, Miss Mary Sparks secretary.



November 23, 1871.—The second meeting was held at Mrs. Gordon's. At 3 o'clock p. m. a large and industrious party had collected. Work for the fair was the order of the day. Mrs. J. P. Walton was requested to take charge of the little girls table, whose proceeds the ladies concluded to devote to the wants of the Sunday school; Mrs. T. D. Smith was appointed to take charge of the fancy table, Miss Lou Dunsmore the candy table. Mrs. H. Geiss and Mrs. R. D. Van Nostrand ice cream table, Mrs. J. G. Gordon coffee, Mrs. F. L. Dayton, tableaux, Mrs. S. A. Foulke and Mrs. Dr. Thompson, oysters. Miss Mary Sparks, secretary, resigned, her sister's illness preventing her from attending, and Mrs. S. A. Foulke was elected secretary. A number of friends came in after tea, and the evening passed very pleasantly.

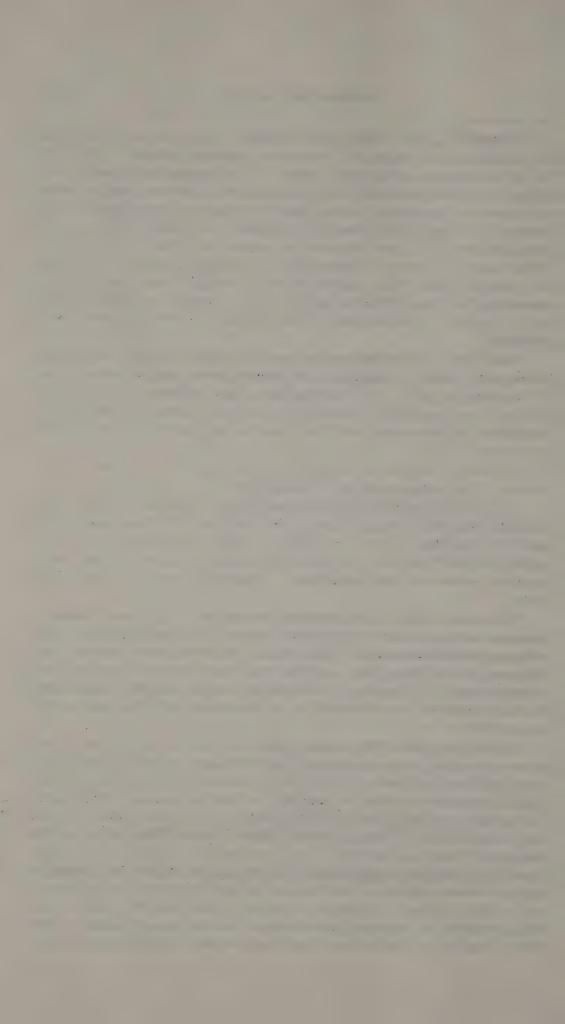
December 7.—The third meeting was held at Mrs. Foulke's, thirty-four ladies being present. Committees for different tables were appointed. Mrs. F. Humphreys, Mrs. J. P. Walton, Miss Lou Dunsmore and Mr. Sam Fletcher were appointed a committee to arrange the room for the fair. It was decided to have music, and Mrs. Geiss was appointed to secure it at the lowest rates.

The fair and festival of December 20th and 21st, 1871, was considered a success. The receipts were \$246, expenses \$112.

At a business meeting held December 27th the treasurer was directed to hand Mr. Wm. Van Nostrand \$100, to be paid Rev. F. Humphreys on a back debt due May 1, 1871. Mrs. Dayton offered her house for a parlor concert on New Year's day, the ladies to furnish the supper, and Mrs. Dayton house, piano and select musicians. Admission to be 50 cents, supper 25 cents.

The parlor concert was faultless and pleased all. Mrs. Sarah Hershey-Brannan's artistic culture delighted her friends; Miss Nellie Reeder's execution and skill charmed all; Miss Perkin's voice was much admired; Mr. Wingate, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis and Mr. Wm. Van Nostrand gave us some pleasing music. The receipts for concert and supper were \$65, expenses \$5.\$60 was handed Mr. Van Nostrand to pay on church debt the same as the previous \$100.

January 11, 1872.—"The society was held at Mrs. G. R. White's. A very stormy afternoon, but those who attended felt amply repaid. A delightful social gathering and sewing circle in the afternoon, succeeded by a supper that could hardly be called "a plain tea," which the secretary, after having bounteously partaken of, most treacherously spoke of "as coming within the limits of a fine," Being silenced by the contented faces of her neighbors, Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Van Nostrand, she subsided and regaled herself with another cup of coffee. The resignation of Miss Lou Dunsmore owing to necessary absence from Muscatine, was handed in by Mrs. Thompson. After unanimous expressions of regret at the loss of a popular and efficient officer, the secretary was directed to draw up a resolution to that effect. Mrs. S. A. Foulke was nominated treasurer, and while protesting



her inability to serve as secretary and treasurer, was called to order by Mrs. Thompson and declared treasurer of "Trinity Parish Association." The election of a committee on books for the Sunday school was then considered, and a committee was appointed consisting of Mrs. S. A. Foulke, Mrs. R. D. Van Nostrand, Mrs. J. P. Walton, Mr. F. R. Lewis and Mr. George White. A number of friends came after tea and spent a very pleasant evening with parlor croquet and other games, with vocal and instrumental music, and separated with the hope of meeting again January 25th at Mrs. Lydia Davidson's."

These extracts, from secretary's report, will serve to show the harmony of the workers.

The Easter festival of 1872 was held on Tuesday of Easter week. Mrs. Dow had charge of the eandy table, Mrs. T. D. Smith fancy table, Mr. F. R. Lewis and Mr. Sam Fletcher lemonade, Mrs. Carskaddan, Mrs. Parmalee, Mrs. Van Nostrand and Mrs. Foulke ice cream. The fair was considered a success, socially and financially. About \$112 was cleared, and \$100 was paid to Mr. Wm. Van Nostrand to be applied on the debt due Rev. F. Humphreys.

The ladies resumed church work October 10, 1872. Met at Mrs. Dr. Thompson's. Elected as officers, Mrs. Dr. Thompson, president, Mrs. F. L. Dayton, vice-president, Mrs. C. Draper, treasurer, Mrs. S. A. Foulke, secretary. Directresses of plain work, Mrs. R. D. Van Nostrand, Mrs. J. Carskaddan, Miss Lou Dunsmore; of fancy work, Mrs. T. D. Smith, Miss Kate Fouche and Miss Branstrep. "The claims and needs of the Ponka Indians being pressed on the attention of the society, it was resolved to devote a portion of their work to needs of this missionary field."

October.—"The gentlemen are said to oppose our meetings, on the "ground that our neighbor's affairs form the topics of our conversation. In "the name of the society I extend to them a most cordial invitation to come "any afternoon and judge for themselves. When they see that our talk is "all Indian, and that the garments made will neither injure the wearer "physically, nor the worker morally by exciting envy, and that with the "exception of gymnastics by Mrs. Van Nostrand's kitty, we indulge in no "unseemly hilarity. I think they will urge the ladies to be more punctual "in attendance. Not wishing to neglect home work, I will say to the ladies "that if they wish any patterns for waists, saques or skirts, our 'Indian "Bureau' will gladly furnish them, warranting them to fit somehow."

November 21.—Met at Mrs. Dr. Thompson's. Finished work for the Indians, packed and sent the box, some of the gentlemen paying express charges to Sioux City.

The next question was, for what shall we work now? The society voted in favor of working for an organ.

January 1, 1873. -At a reception held at Mrs. Dr. Thompson's, proceeds



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to be devoted to the "Rectory Fund," \$100 was realized, which was placed with Mr. Wm. Van Nostrand; he agreeing to pay 10 per cent. interest.

Meetings held regularly. A box for the Indian reservation valued at \$150 was sent.

At Easter, at a fair held in Olds' hall, the ladies cleared \$225, which was placed with Mr. Wm. Van Nostrand at 10 per cent. interest, and the "Organ Fund" started.

Meetings were held regularly until July 1, when it was voted to adjourn until October 9th.

October 9, 1873.—The ladies met and elected as officers Mrs. Dr. Thompson president, Mrs. F. L. Dayton vice-president, Mrs. Wm. Kennedy treasurer, Mrs. S. A. Foulke secretary. It was decided to meet regularly every two weeks at the houses of the different members, and during the winter to have several entertainments.

The first was December 17th, an oyster supper at the residence of Mrs. D. Lambert, from which the society realized \$60.12. The next attempt to promote sociability among the church members was a dime sociable held at the Rector's January 13th. Proceeds from this were \$15.62. Another followed at Mrs. J. B. Dougherty's February 11; receipts \$8.25.

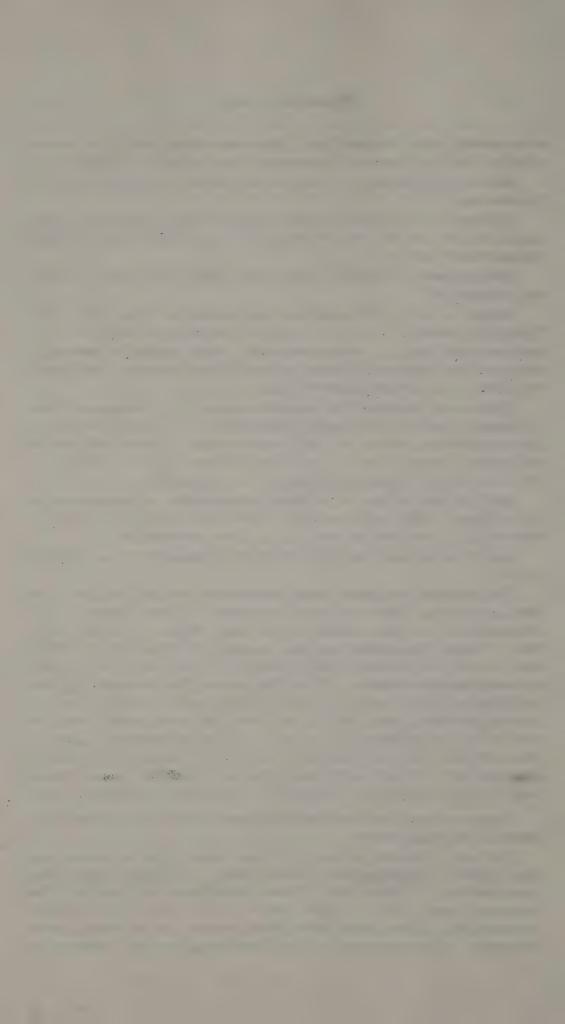
April 9th was the date of the Easter entertainment, which consisted of a good dinner, supper and pantomine. "The New England Kitchen," in the evening. Gross receipts were \$254.40; Easter offerings, \$32.25.

Society met as before until July 18, when it adjourned to meet October 15, 1873.

The records of the Ladies Parish Association from July, 1873, to April 1883, are missing. Until her death, September 11, 1877, Mrs. Dr. B. W. Thompson was president, assisted in the other offices by various ladies. Mrs. Thompson was a model president, a sincere Christian, firm in adherance to what she believed right, yet affable and conciliatory, ruling more by persuasion than dictation. It was little wonder that the ladies felt that her place could not easily be filled, so they steadily worked on, without much organization, until April 26, 1883, when they re-organized under the name of the Ladies Church Aid Society. Of the entertainments given in those ten years the only records we can find is in a volume of newspaper clippings, and they are chiefly interesting as giving the names of those working at that time for the imperative church work of the Sunday school.

March 16, 1874, at an Easter entertainment at Olds' Opera House, was given the following program:

Part 1st: "Overture to Tancrea," piano, Misses Stella Richardson and Lucy Daniels. "Evening Bells," Sunday School. "The Lotas Isles," Misse Lizzie Barclay. "A Rainy Day," Misses Nellie Geiss, Ida Parmelee, Eliza Murdock, Mary Collins. "Aunt Mary's Doll," Miss Mary Hoffman. "Homewards," Misses Stella Eckel, Nellie Barclay, Sarah White, Aurora Wetherbee. "The Mountains of Life," Miss Mary Easterley. "Never Give



Up" Miss Carrie Ba clay. "Mendelssohn Waltze," piano and violins, Prof. F. Grade, Douglas Jackson, Frank Daniels. Tableau: "The Home Guard." "Lilian," Miss Aurora Wetherbee. "Spring Auswers," Misses Irene Eckel, Laura White, Gertrude Carskaddan, Anna Molis, Lizzie Collins. "A Leap for Life," Frank Esterlee. "Ernani," piano, Miss Nellie Geiss. "The Lost Kitten," Miss Adda Barrick. "The Bouquet of Flowers," Misses Anna Molis, Stella Eckel, Henrietta Giesenhaus, Minnie Thaver, Lizzie Collius. "Apple Pie," Charles Stocker. "Home of My Youth," Miss Mary Collins. "Miserere from Trovatore," Prof. F. P. Towle and Miss Kate Fouche. Tab leau, "A Hard Shave." "Legend in Alsace," Miss Hattie Dow and Lizzie Barclay. "When the Cat's Away the Mice will Play," P. Carskaddan, H. Roach, L. Thayer, B. Bartholomew, D. Thayer, F. Lambert, A. Roach, Misses Hattie Van Horne, Sallie Foulke, Lou Page, Lillie Walton, Jennie Chambers, Carrie Foulke, Maggie Ament, May Walton. "The Pilot," Miss Ada Wilson. "Fra Diavola," pinno, Misses Kate Fouche and Rita Stewart. "The Beauty of Piety, Misses Florence Roach, Lizzie White, Stella Richardson, Hattie Van Horne, Mamie Ament, Clara Emerick, Sallie Foulke, Sophia Wilson, Mollie Dunsmore, Millie Roach. "Annabel Lee," Miss May Walton. Song: "When Night Comes o'er the Plain," C. Warfield, G. Jackson, F. Fisher, G. Reece, Misses Calla Dougherty, Emma Foulke, Florence Roach, Kate Reece, Lizzie Barclay.

Part 2nd: "Potpouri," piano, from Freischeutz, Prof. F. Grade and Miss Stella Richardson. Tableau: "Grecian Flower Girl." "Barbara Frietchie," Miss Allie Walton. "Mrs. McLaughlin's Economy," C. Lewis, G. Reece, W. Hoch, Misses Mary Roach, Emma Foulke, Ada Wilson. "The Future of America," Joseph E. Hoopes. "Advertising for a Servant," F. Keeler, E. Stocker, Misses Allie Walton, Hattie Foulke, Clara Emerick, Mamie Ament, Stella Richardson. Solo and Chorus: "A Little Longer," Mr. O. S. Terry, and Misses Eleanore Howell and Louise Molis. "Never Say Die," J. Cleveland, G. Reece, Misses Calla Dougherty, Kate Fouche, Emma Foulke. "The Ferry of Galloway," Miss Mollie Dunsmore. "La Traviata," piano and organ, Miss Kate Fouche and Prof. F. P. Towle. Tableau: "Haidee and Juan." "Why Not Married?" Misses Kate Reece, Millie Roach, Mollie Dunsmore, Lizzie White, Sophia Wilson. Song, etc.: "The Mulligan Guard," Reece and Hoch. Tableau, "The Sculptor's Dream." Solo, "Good Night, Farewell." O. S. Terry.

Admission 25 cents. The proceeds of this entertainment are to be given to the purchase of books for Trinity Church Sunday School.

April 19th and 20th, 1875, an Easter Festival was held in Tremont Hall.

Programme, First Night: Song by the Sunday School. Pantomime: "Scenes from Cinderella." "The New Church Organ," Miss Lou Page. Statuary: "Gen. Washington on Horseback," (life size). Refreshments and Fancy Table. "A series of Musical and Floral Tableau, with Vocal accompaniments," Mrs. Lillie P. Phelps.



Second Night: "Piano Duet," Misses L. Daniels and S. Richardson. Pantomine: "Love in Ambush." "Betsy and I are Out," from Carlton, dramatized in three scenes, Mr. Jos. Cleveland and Miss Allie Walton. Ice cream, etc "Old Robin Gray," a Musical Drama in four acts, vocal accompaniment, Mrs. Lillie P. Phelps. "Beehive—a Medley," song by R. D. Van Nostrand.

The newspapers credited Mrs. Henry Geiss, Mrs. J. P. Walton and Mrs. Dr. Ed. Thompson with the success of the programme. The great attraction was the Equestrian statue of Washington, which was entirely the work of Mr. Henry Geiss.

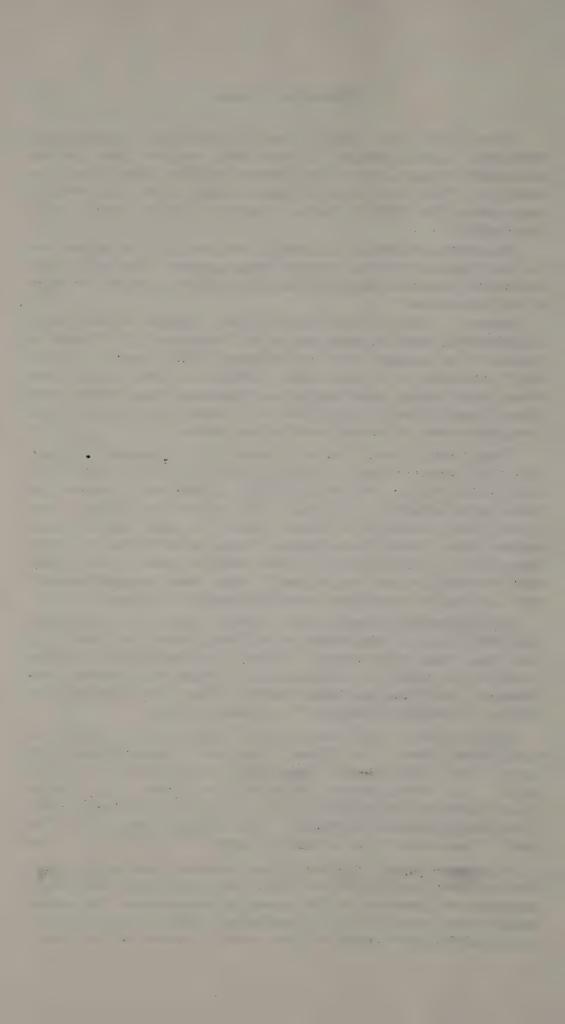
January 1, 1876, the Trinity ladies held a reception at Mrs. Dow's. Those receiving were Mesdames Dr. B. W. Thompson, J. P. Walton, S. Stocker, W. M. Kennedy, R. D. Van Nostrand, C. W. Draper, J. G. Gordon, T. S. Stewart, O. W. Brown, Henry Geiss, Thos. Brown; Misses Maud Brown, Allie Walton, Hattie Foulke, Lou Dunsmore, Emma Foulke, Susie Musser, Sophia Wilson, Lillie Walton, Ella Stocker, Ada Wilson, Nellie Geiss, Kate Reece, Sallie Foulke and perhaps others.

Trinity Sunday School Festival, Tremont Hall, Wednesday, Feb. 2nd, 1876. Programme: Tableau, "Village School in Repose." Song, Mrs. Lillie Perkins Phelps. "Tea Party of 1776." in three acts, by Misses Kate Reece, Stella Richardson, Lou Page, Allie Walton, Ada Wilson, Hattie Foulke, Eliza Murdock, Susie Musser, Hattie Van Horne, Mamie Ament, Sophia Wilson, Mamie Lewis, Maggie Ament, Lillie Walton and Nellie Geiss. Song by the Little Folks. Oysters and Ice Cream "Mrs. Jarley, with Little Nell and her Wax Figures" Song, "Star Spangled Banner," Mrs. L. P. Phelps, (the audience are invited to join in the chorus.)

Social gathering at Tremont Hall, Thursday, Nov. 30, 1876. Programme Part First: 6:30 p. m. Amusements by the Young Folks. Part Second: 7:45 p. m. Song, "Three Little Kittens." Tableau from Mother Goose. Dialogue "Aunt Betsy's Journey to the Centennial," by Misses Alice Walton, Anna Thompson, Ada Wilson and Mamie Ament. Tableau: "My Mother's Maid" Tableau: "Dream of the Sangreal." Admission 10 cents.

Social gathering Trinity Sunday School, Feb. 2nd, 1877. Programme: 6:30 Children's Hour. 7:30 Tableau, "Interview of Queen Elizabeth and Mary." S:00, Reading by Miss Fannie Gray, "Over the Hill to the Poor House." 8:10, Twenty Minutes for Burtner's Ice Cream. 8:30, Tableau, "Count Cagliostro's Magic Mirror." S:40, Reading by Miss Fannie Gray, "Over the Hill from the Poor House." 9:00, Tableau, "Dream of the Sangreal." Doors open at 6:30; admission to cents.

At these gatherings the Sunday School members were admitted free. The first hour they were allowed to play, were then called to order and a programme was presented for the benefit of older persons. The scholars enjoyed them greatly, and they were being trained to become efficient church workers in the future, and they netted something for the Sunday



School, as the superintendent, Mr. J. P. Walton, on Easter Monday, April I, 1877, reported 195 scholars enrolled, teachers 20, officers and attendants 17; total 232; mean attendance 146. Amount of money received during the year. \$105.85. Number of books belonging to the library, 500.

January 1, 1881, in a review of 1880, we find: "March 31, 1880, Easter entertainment by the Trinity ladies at the Opera House, and the Relief, No. 1, win the prize as the most popular fire company."

We find little record of the work done in society meetings, but in those ten years they worked steadily, and besides working to pay church debts, working for the Rectory, working for missions, working for the Sunday School, in the twelve years of its existence the Ladies' Parish Association had earned \$1,850 to purchase an organ for the church.

TRINITY CHURCH GUILD.

This society was first organized April 26, 1883, under the name of Trinity Church Aid Society. The officers elected were: president, Miss Mary Dill; vice-president, Miss Ella Stocker; treasurer, Miss Moore; secretary, Miss Rebecca Hoopes. "During the year 1883, with the aid of the Rectory Society, the church was carpeted, gas fixtures put in and the organ set up. The purchase of the organ was the work of a society commenced in 1871, whose members have many of them passed away, but whose work has been faithfully carried out by the surviving members."

"During the year we have had four entertainments; ice cream and cake at Union Hall May 4, 1883; ice cream sociable at Mrs. Gordon's November 13; Christmas sale at Mrs. Lambert's December 20; Easter sale at Mrs. Gordon's April 15, 1884. No financial account given.

At the annual meeting April 24, 1884, Mrs. T. D. Smith was elected president, Miss Helen Green vice-president, Mrs. C. W. Smith treasurer, Miss Rebecca Hoopes secretary.

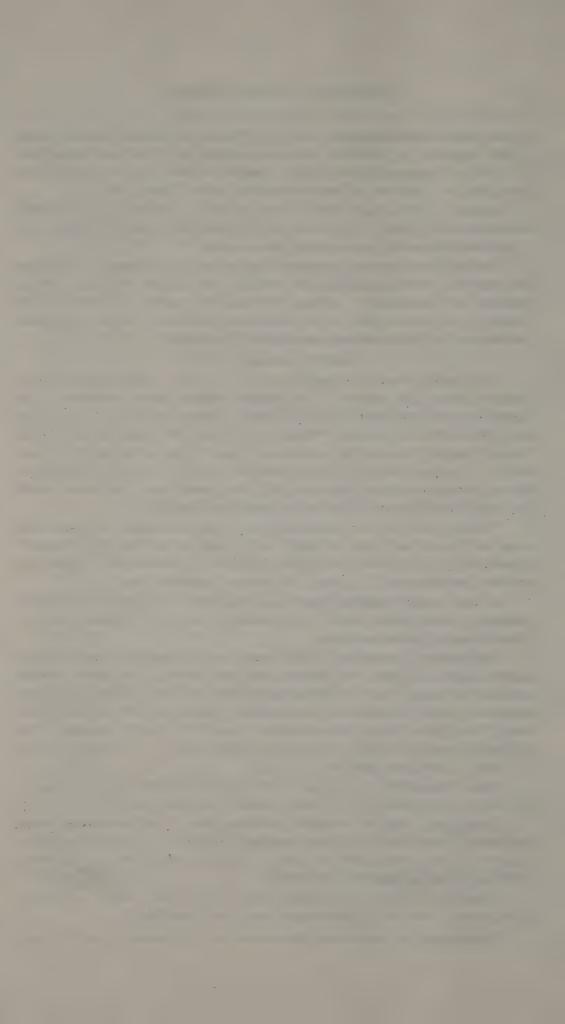
On Saturday, December 6, 1884, twenty-two ladies met at the church in answer to the call from the pulpit that the ladies of the Parish should organize for work. Rev. Dr. Seymour presided. Trinity Church Guild was organized, constitution and by-laws adopted, Miss Mary Dill elected president, Miss Helen Green vice president, Mrs. C. W. Smith treasurer, Miss Rebecca Hoopes secretary, Mrs. Wm. Kennedy, Mrs. T. N. Brown, Mrs. E. H. Smith executive committee.

About the middle of April an Easter dinner and supper were given by the Guild, accompanied with a fancy table. Receipts not given.

December 3, 1885, at the annual meeting, Mrs. A. B. Brown was elected president, Miss Helen Green vice-president, Miss Rebecca Hoopes secretary and Mrs. C. W. Smith treasurer; Mrs. J. G. H. Little, Mrs. T. N. Brown, Mrs. E. H. Smith, executive committee.

December 8, 1885, a Guild supper with "Vanity Fair" and "A Lilliputian Concert" was held, the receipts from which were \$128.15.

The records of a meeting December 19, 1885, contains the following:



"The object for which the Guild is working is a Rectory. A paper showing the work that has been done and the present condition of the Rectory Society, was read by Mrs. S. A. Foulke."

April 28, 1886, at Union Hall, now the Armory, was held an Easter sale and dinner, with an ice cream festival, and "Scenes from the Mikado" in the evening. In charge of fancy table, Miss H. Green, Mrs. E. H. Smith; dessert table, Mrs. S. Stocker; dinner table, Mrs. G. R. White, Mrs. S. A. Foulke, Miss M. Dill, Miss Rebecca Hoopes; in charge of kitchen, Mrs. A. B. Brown, Mrs. D. Lambert, Mrs. Wm. Kennedy. Total proceeds were \$179.20. Total amount of cash received during the year, \$330.05.

At the annual meeting December 2, 1886, (first Thursday in Advent,) Mrs. A. B. Brown was elected president, Miss Helen Green vice-president, Miss E. Stocker treasurer, Miss R. Hoopes secretary; Mrs. T. N. Brown and Mrs. E. H. Smith executive committee.

December 10, 1886, the president announced that the Guild had \$235 cash on hand, and the Rectory ladies had \$100, which they proposed to unite and place in the hands of Mr. Carskaddan to invest for the benefit of the Rectory fund. A motion that this be agreed to, carried.

April 13, 1887, an Easter sale was held in Stein's Music Hall. A special feature was the crazy tea table, where viands were disposed of in an eccentric manner; bread in dust pans, milk in sauce bowls, &c. Among the most entirely successful features of the evening were Mrs. Jarley's wax works, with the "Indian and the Lady," "The Babes in the Wood, Eating Their Last Doughnut," &c., and a masterly performance on the "Bellaphone." The receipts, exclusive of fancy table, were \$91.68. Cash receipts for the year, \$103.03.

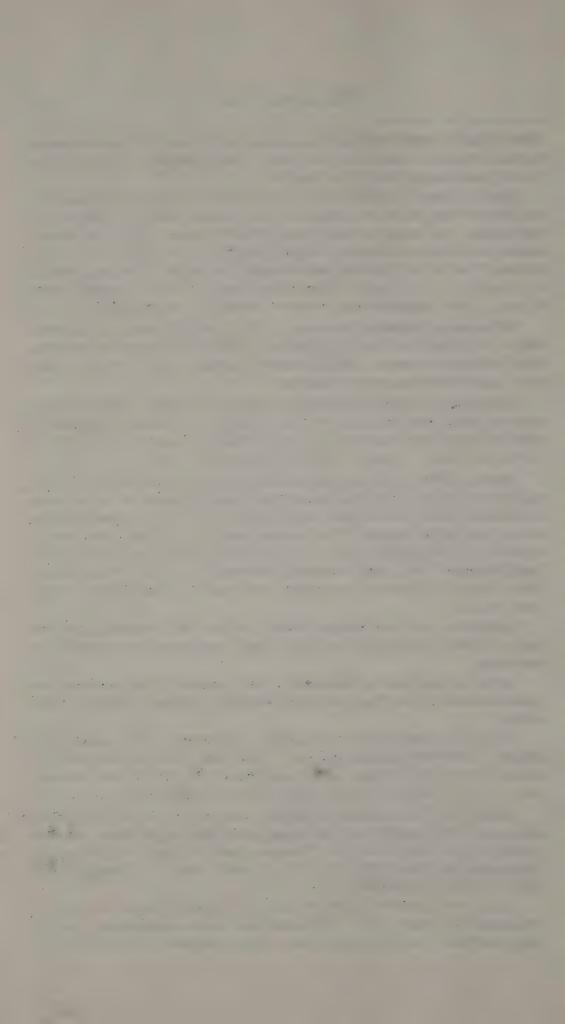
In October, 1887, the Rectory Society and the Guild united in purchasing a Rectory for \$3,600, Rev. E. C. Paget contributing \$500 towards the purchase.

At the annual meeting December 1, 1887, officers of the previous year were re-elected. Miss Paget and Mrs. Thereon Thompson executive committee.

At the Christmas sale at the Rectory December 7, 1887, receipts were \$72.40. Committees appointed were: "Mrs. Daut and Mrs. Thompson, ice cream; Miss Green, as usual, at the fancy table, with Mrs. Foulke as assistant; Mrs. T. N. Brown and Miss Sophia Wilson, candy table."

January 6, 1888, a Twelfth Night sale was held at the Rectory. Mrs. Geiss and Mrs. Lambert at the oyster table, Mrs. A. B. Brown and Mrs. Foulke at the cake table, Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Daut, ice cream, Mrs. Carskaddan and Mrs. Little sold "Ye Wassail" and "Ye Twelfth Night Cake." The Guild realized \$42.25.

April, 1888, Company C and the ladies of the Guild united in giving a "Kermiss" at Armory Hall. The ladies had booths representing America, Italy, Scotland, Iceland, Japan, Spain, France, Germany, (kitchen and par-



lor) Russia, Holland and a windmill. The Guild received from this \$246.72. Total for the year \$395.73.

At the annual meeting December 6, 1888, Miss Fanny Paget was elected president, Miss Helen Green vice-president, Mrs. T. N. Brown treasurer, Miss Rebecca Hoopes secretary; Mrs. A. B. Brown and Mrs. Daut executive committee.

In May Mrs. T. N. Brown resigned and Mrs. C. F. Garlock was elected treasurer.

February 27, 1889, an "Orange Tea" was held at the Rectory. Committees: supper, Mrs. Mull and Mrs. Ryan, (to choose assistants); coffee and oysters, Mrs. Geiss and Mrs. Lambert; decoration of parlors, Mrs. Little, Mrs. Dayton, Mrs. T. N. Brown; fancy table, Mrs. Foulke, Miss H. Green. Financial results \$155.45.

After the record of the "Orange Tea" we find "the object for which this money was raised is to build an addition to the Rectory."

Report of a meeting September 27th says: "Mr. Paget concluded his remarks by a warm tribute to Mr. T. N. Brown, in which we all join, for the time and thought he has spent upon this subject, having drawn up plans and specifications at least four different times to meet the suggestions of the Rector and others." This addition was built during the spring and summer.

July 3, 1889, a Lantern Party was held at the Rectory that realized \$45.45.

July 31st a Lemon Squeeze was held at the residence of Mrs. F. Daut. It was well attended and very enjoyable. Financial results \$27.

December 4th a Christmas sale at the Rectory realized \$140.58. Total receipts for 1889, \$524.04. Of this sum Miss Horton donated \$5 for the Rectory, Mr. Paget \$50, Miss Paget \$50, to apply on Rectory. Total amount realized by the Guild in four years, \$1,349.85.

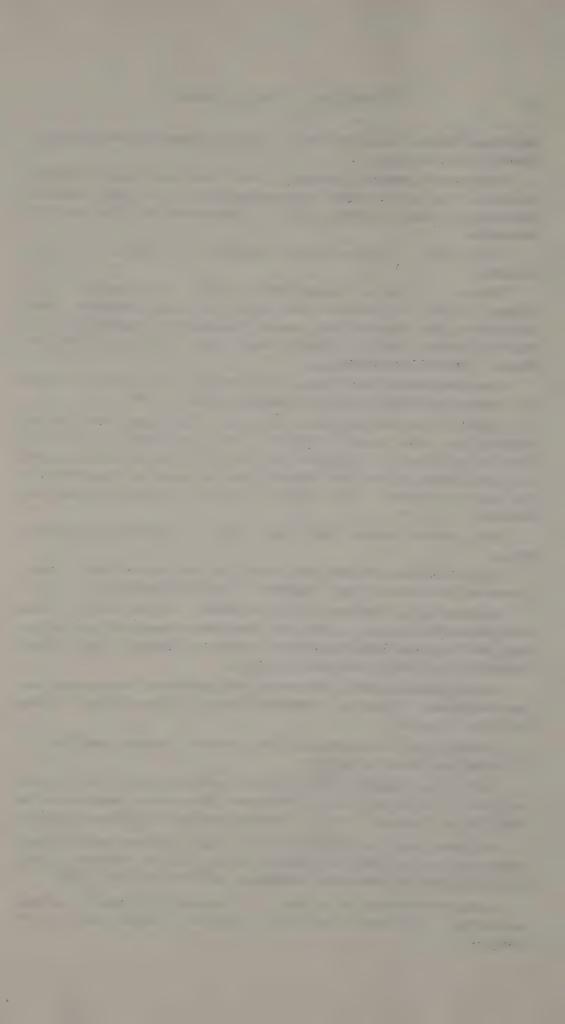
At the annual meeting December 5, 1889, officers of the previous year were re-elected. Executive committee, Mrs. A. B. Brown, Miss S. Wilson and Miss E. Stocker.

February 13th Miss Rebecca Hoopes, secretary, resigned, and Mrs. W. F. Bishop was elected to the office.

At the annual meeting a vote of thanks was tendered to Mrs. D. Lambert, Mrs. H. Geiss and Miss Lou Dunsmore for services rendered at the Guild supper December 4, 1889. Adjourned until after Christmas holidays.

No Easter sale was held this year. At the commencement of Lent Guild work was laid aside, the members joining with the Woman's Auxillary to the Board of Missions in missionary work during Lent.

A church social was held at Mrs. J. B. Dougherty's November 6, 1890, one at Mr. J. P. Walton's November 20, another December 4th at Mr. F. Daut's.



Financial report of the year, \$68.42, which was applied on debt due on the Rectory addition, leaving it \$485 unpaid.

December 4, 1890. Officers of the previous year re-elected. Mrs. S. A. Foulke, Mrs. T. N. Brown and Mrs. A. B. Brown, executive committee.

December 16, 1890, was held the annual sale and supper at the Rectory. Mrs. F. Daut, Miss Mary Sparks, Mrs. T. N. Brown, Mrs. T. R. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Wm Mull, Mrs. W. F. Bishop and Mrs. Arnold Barber took charge of the tables. Financial results—sales \$140.03, donation for Rectory debt from Rev. E. C. Paget \$50, making \$190.03. This enabled the ladies to reduce the Rectory debt to \$300, and pay the insurance of \$18.

January 14. 1891, at an ice cream sociable at Mr. T. N. Brown's \$7.10 was realized and applied on Rectory debt.

February 10, social at the Rectory; receipts \$5.40.

November 11, 1891, Mrs. Waldo Richards, elocutionist, assisted by the Mignon Quartet, gave an entertainment under the management of Mr. Harry Moore and the Guild that realized \$108.50. Total receipts for the year \$349.22. Rectory debt December 4, 1890, \$485; reduced December 12, 1891, to \$92.40.

December 12, 1891, officers of previous year re-elected.

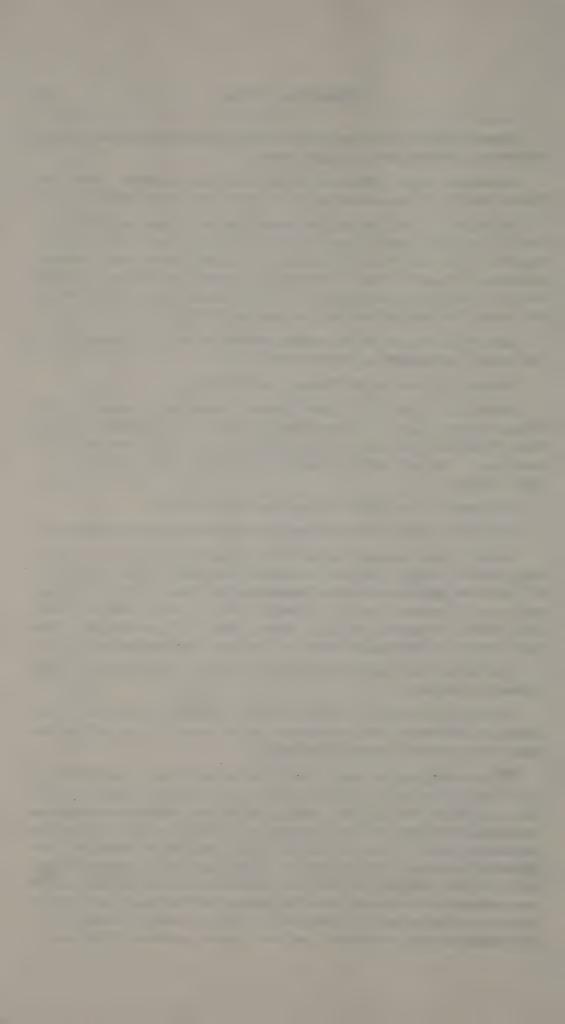
December 16, 1891, the Christmas sale at the Rectory realized \$87.9%.

March I, 1892, a supper was held in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A., and being Shrove Tuesday, pancakes were made the special feature. Mrs. J. G. H. Little had general supervision, assisted at the tables by Mrs. J. Carskaddan, Mrs. D. Lambert, Mrs. S. A. Foulke, Mrs. F. Daut, Miss H. Green, Mrs. Theron Thompson, Miss M. Sparks, Mrs. C. F. Garlock, Mrs. Wm. Mull, Mrs. T. N. Brown and Mrs. J. R. Reuling. Net receipts \$62.

The Rectory debt having been paid, on March 3, 1892, \$62 was placed in bank on interest.

According to custom, the ladies are now working during the Lenten season on missionary work, preparing a box to be sent to one of the missions on the western frontier of the State.

In reviewing the last twenty years' work of the ladies of the church we have tried to give credit to all the workers, but not having records of all the years, and those we had only giving the officers, and for entertainments committees in charge, and not always those, a full list of the workers was impossible to give. There were many whose home duties prevented their attending meetings of the societies or taking part in the entertainments, but who gave liberally to the fancy tables, dinners and suppers, and so gave essential aid in making them the success that they were, and all were living up to the meaning of the poet, "Whoever sweeps a room for God, Makes that and the action fine," and every service rendered in His name is



certain of its reward. We trust the motto of the church ladies in the future will be as in the past,

"Let us, then, be up and doing, With a heart for any fate; Still achieving, still pursuing, Learn to labor and to wait."

HISTORY AND GHTS.

Rev. Mr. Paget has entered in the historical part of the register, 1887: The vestry room of the church was enlarged at an expense of \$135.

In October the Rectory was purchased for the sum of \$1,600. It was first occupied on St. Andrew's day by Rev. Paget and sister.

On Saturday evening, December 3, 1887, the Bishop held a service in the Rectory and received friends.

May 28, 1888, an Altar Guild, to take care of the altar, was organized and admitted by the Rector with prayer

At a "Kermiss" held in the Armory of Co. C. managed by the Ladies of the church and the members of the company, \$240 was cleared, a sufficient sum to clear the Rectory of debt.

In Lent, 1888, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Smith presented a credence table in memory of their son, Elliott.

Mrs. Elliott Smith presented two oak tablets for Hymn numbers, in memory of her husband.

Mrs. R. D. Van Nostrand presented a cross of beaten brass in 1886, two altar vases in 1887, and a Lecturn Bible in 1888.

In September, 1888, Miss Paget presented four altar vases, which she had brought from England. Other church furniture was presented by Mr. Paget and sister.

November 24, 1888, a carved oak altar was presented by several church people as a memorial of all the communicants and baptized children. This altar was dedicated on December 10th by Bishop Perry.

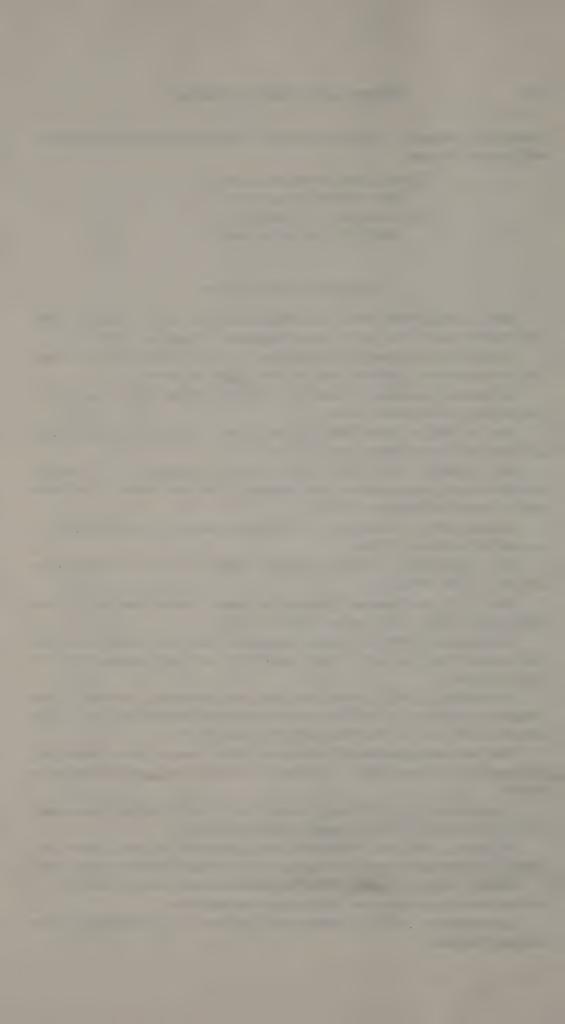
The font was presented by the Sunday school class of Miss Maria Vail, the daughter of the Bishop of Kansas, while he was here officiating as Rector.

A handsome oak pulpit was presented by Dr. F. H. Little in memory of wife, first used on the fourth Sunday in Advent, 1888.

February 4, 1889, oak chair stalls were presented by the Rector, Mr. Paget. A silver gilt chalice costing \$90, was purchased from the altar fund.

April 3, 1889, the foundation of the addition to the Rectory was laid. A bottle containing a history of the Rectory was walled in.

Ascension day, 1880, the Bishop conducted service in the church for the Knight Templars.



November 1, 1889, a handsome carved oak Eagle Lecturn was presented by Mrs. R. D. Van Nostrand in memory of her son

November, 1889, a baptistery was placed near the main entrance in memory of Miss Sarah Neville.

December, 1889, a lot was donated for All Saints' Chapel by Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Smith.

In 1890 a contract was given 'to G. D. Magoon to build a chapel 25 v 40 feet at \$700.

In 1891 a Litany Desk (carved oak) was presented by Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Brown in memory of their son, Heftry Lee, used on Rogation Sunday for the first time; also a handsome stall for the organist, in memory of Mrs. R. W. Thompson, who was the first president of the organ fund.

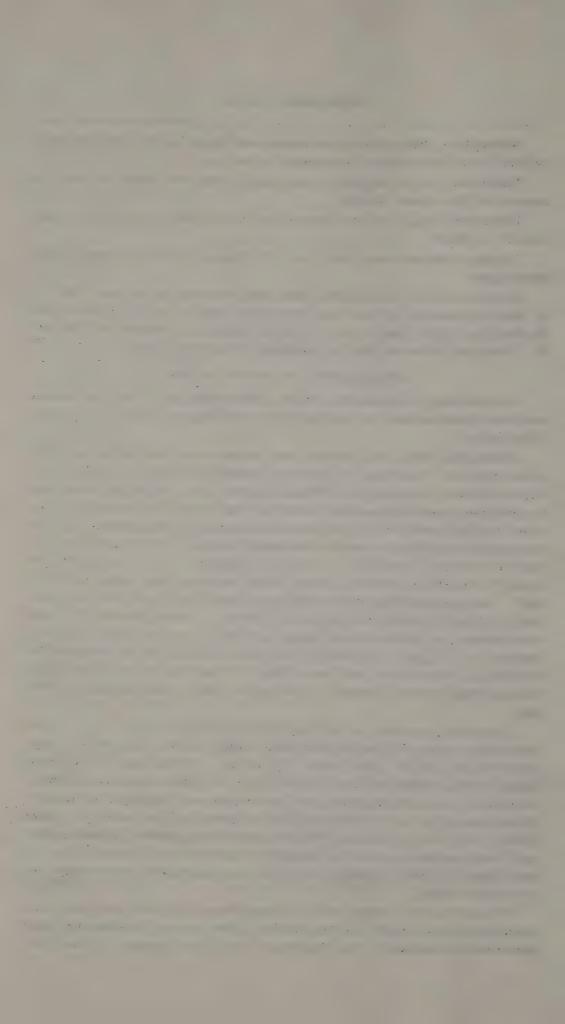
REMINISCENCE OF EUGENE KLEIN.

In describing the character of Dr. Calhoun and Mr. Utford we cannot well omit these extracts we received from Mr. Eugene Klein, of Spokane, Washington:

absent minded. A couple of amusing incidents of him may be related. One hot Sunday morning Bill Williams, (a son of the old judge,) who sang in the choir, was taking a stroll down the river bank, when consulting the time found he would be late, and started in a hurry for the church. He had proceeded but a little way when who should he meet leisurely taking a walk but Mr. Calhoun. Said Bill: 'Why, Mr. Calhoun, am't there any church to-day?' Said the Reverend in reply, 'Biess me, what day is this, not Sunday?' Being assured that it was they both started post haste for the sanctuary, (the old frame in the rear end of Trinity's present grounds). It was after eleven a. m. before service began, and there was an infant to baptize besides, but 'he got in his work' and made amends for his tardiness by preaching a sermon over two hours long. It was about three p. m. before the congregation was dismissed. I will never forget that sermon or Sunday.

On another occasion, he and his wife boarded next to us. * * * One morning he arose early and started for a tramp, carefully locking the door after him, and left his wife locked up all day. He did not, in his absent minded freak, return until late in the evening, very much surprised to findh is better half had been under lock and key all day, and forgotten by himself. He was succeeded in the Rectorship by that great and good man, Rev. John Ufford, who, like a 'ripe sheaf,' has long since been gathered to his reward, and I here render my tribute of genuine admiration and affection for the man whose life and teachings have left their impression on me as well as upon many others.

Who of our old citizens will ever forget his saintly wife, who laid down the burden in 1855 with her last words: 'Mrs. ———, I will see my dear Savior before morning,' Her influence upon those around her was that



which love, charity, purity and high resolve ever exerts. Her's was a noble life, crowned with a sublime faith in Him which robbed 'death of its sting, and the grave of its victory.'

MR. UFFORD'S WAR RECORD.

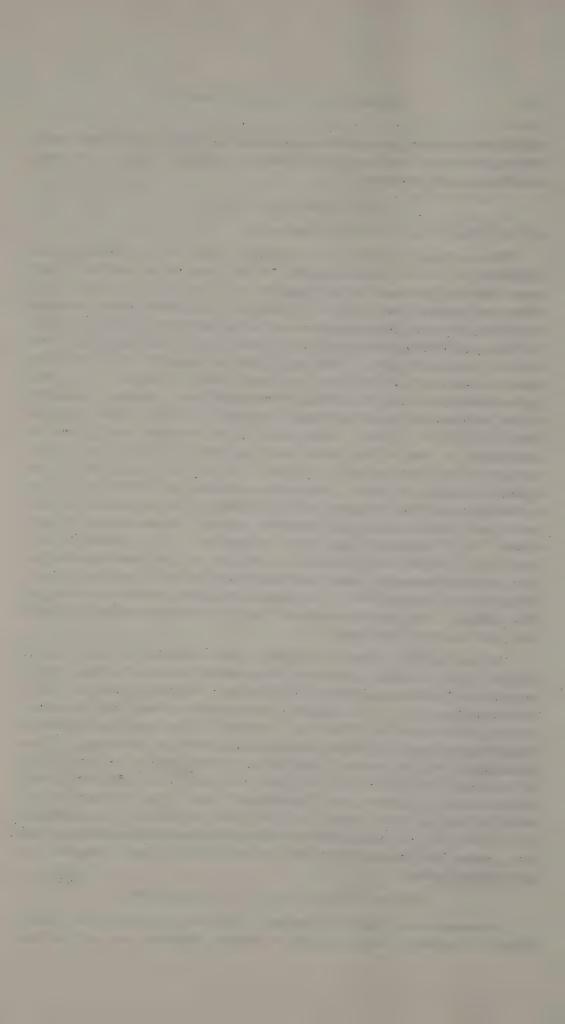
Of Mr. Ufford's war record Mr. Klein writes:

"He resigned his charge, if I remember aright, in 1861, to accept the chaplaincy of the 6th Iowa Regiment. Of his army life in the field, I will quote from the testimony of his comrades in blue on Shiloh's bloody field. When ten thousand men were falling back in wild disorder, to seek the shelter of the river bank, he was at the front in the fiercest of the fray, rallying the men and bidding them stand firm for God, liberty, and the right. One of them, a comrade, says: 'That night, after the dreadful day's work was done, he came on board the transport where I was, and began to look after the wounded that were lying thick on the cabin floor. Seeing a wounded soldier with nothing under his head, he pulled his coat off, rolled it up and gave it to him for a pillow. Seeing none of the wounded had pillows or mattresses he tried a state room door, and found it locked. Calling the steward he bid him unlock the doors; the steward replied that it was against the captain's orders. In less than a minute Mr. Ufford had kicked a door open, and was dragging out the bedding. The captain of the boat saw it, and came cursing and swearing at him. He was a secesh sympathizer. Mr. Ufford gave him a terrible raking over for his inhumanity, and told him if he didn't have the steward turn out all the boat's bedding at once, he would smash in every state room door and get it, and would have the boys take charge of him. The captain weakened, and the wounded got the bedding. I tell you he was one of the few chaplains who did his whole duty, and the boys loved him.' "

"At another time, when his regiment was decimated to such a small number that the senior captain was in command, information came that a large force of rebels would attack their position, somewhere on the line of the Memphis railway. The officers of the regiment at once held a council of war, and tendered Mr. Ufford the command. He accepted, and made his dispositions to resist the attack, which was not made, as other boys in blue headed them off. No matter where he was or what position he was placed in, he always left behind him the record of a man and a Chrristian who served Christ for Christ's sake. Somehow I can't help but believe that when the last trump is sounded, and the grand review held, that Chaplain John Ufford will be commanded to step to the front, to be brevetted, and that Heaven's adjutant-general will write after his name, 'promoted for meritorious conduct.'"

REMINISCENCES OF MRS. J. B. DOUGHERTY.

In conversation with Mrs. Dougherty, the widow of the late vestryman, John B. Dougherty, and daughter of Hiram Matthews, one of the first

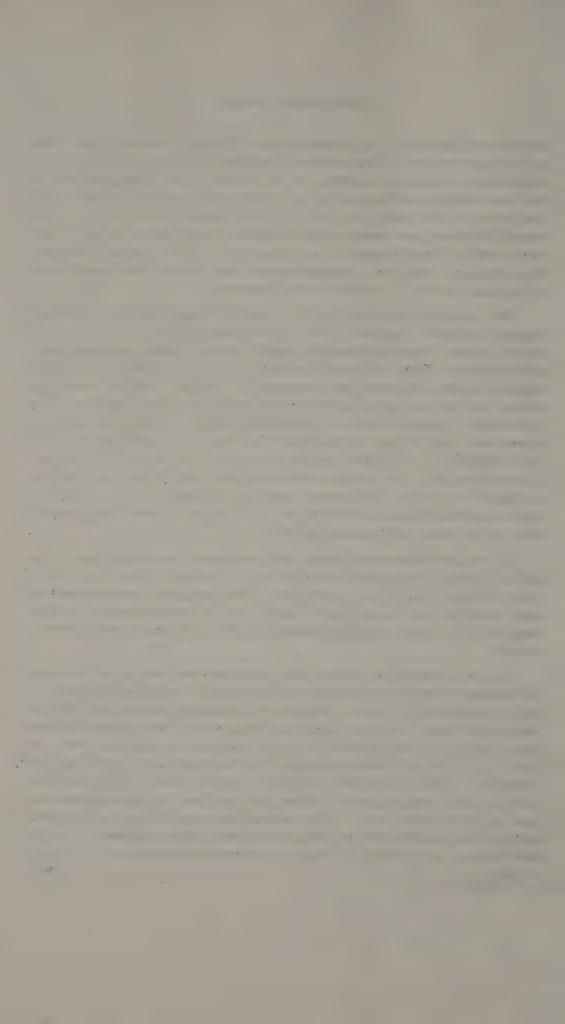


members of the church, we learned much of Trinity in its early days. She says that when her Uncle, Matthew Matthews, died, there was no one to look after the financial condition of the church. J. S. Laking was one of the most liberal contributors, but as a solicitor he was not a success. Mrs. Dougherty, a quite young lady, and her sister, Orpha, started out and canvassed the town, and raised promises sufficient to support a Rector. They then wrote to Bishop Kemper to send some one to the Parish. She said the Bishop sent them Rev. Samuel Sherwell, and vouched for him as being a good man for them. The trial proved otherwise.

Mrs. Dougherty says she lived very near the house where Dr. Calhoun boarded, and when the Doctor and wife first came here she made Mrs Calhoun a present, that ever afterwards made a warm feeling between them. Mrs. Dougherty fully endorsed the story of Mr. Klein before mentioned, and says she well recollects both statements. She only adds that when the Doctor went off and locked his wife in the room, that there were two doors to the room; one was covered by a wardrobe, which she and the landlady moved away and let Mrs. Calhoun out, who went and spent the day with Mrs. Dougherty. Just before the Doctor returned she returned to the room as he had left her. The Doctor came home, and came in and saw no fire, and asked at once why she had not made one; her reply was, "how could I make one when you had locked me in?" The Doctor at once comprehended what he had done, and was truly penitent.

On another occasion the Doctor had services on communion day. After getting through his sermon he walked out in the vestry room, took off his robes and started out of the vestry door. Mrs. Dougherty saw him walking away, went out and asked him if there was to be communion; he then returned to the church and gave notice that the communion would be at 2 o'clock.

On one occasion he came to Mrs. Dougherty and said he had tendered his resignation and that the vestry had accepted it, which was contrary to his expectation or his wants. He was very indignant about it, and charged the whole trouble to Gen. Humphreys, who, he said, had no more religion than a horse. On the following day Gen. Humphreys came with a very fine letter of regret and recommendation for the Doctor, and read it to Mrs. Dougherty. She inadvertently told him what the Doctor had said. The General then took his turn at being mad, and tore the paper into shreds, and the Doctor never saw it. After leaving here the Doctor lost his wife, and married a second one, and was some twenty years later met by one of our citizens in Baltimore, leading his wife and boy in too much of a hurry to talk.



REMINISCENCES OF T. S. PARVIN.

CEDAR RAPIDS, March 5, 1892.

J. P. Walton, Esq., Muscatine, Iowa.

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My DEAR SIR:-To your letter of February 26th I will now reply more fully. I have read the Trinity Parish Magazine, of which you sent me a copy, with a great deal of interest. I had read in the Iowa Churchman. which Bishop Perry has caused to be regularly sent to this library, all of the extracts which you have published from the diary of my good old friend, Bishop Kemper, whose acquaintance I made as early as 1838, and which in 1839 and in later years ripened into a warm personal friendship. I may relate one incident of him and his character, which, although somewhat personal to myself, will still show how a minister may make his services useful. The Bishop complained to me that in his travels through the counties of Iowa he met with but very small audiences, and that he therefore was able to reach but a small number of the people. I was at that time engaged in the practice of law and riding the circuit, (a term as applicable to the lawyers of that day as to the Methodist preachers), for we usually attended all the courts in all the counties of the district. I said to the Bishop that if he would accompany us in our pilgrimages to the courts of the several counties, I would guarantee to give him a good audience, as there was always a large attendance of lawvers, clients, jurors and lookers on, and as the evenings hung heavily upon our hands, we were only too glad of some reasonable recreation to change the monotony. The Bishop accepted it as a good suggestion and accompanied us, whereupon we secured him good audiences, and gave him always a friendly and courteous hearing, which greatly pleased the good Bishop, and he and the lawyers generally became good friends.

I was a regular attendant upon the Episcopal service, taking an active part in the management of its affairs in connection with my dear friend, Matthew Matthews, who was the founder of the church in Muscatine, until the period of my marriage in 1843, when marrying a Presbyterian lady, I transferred my labors to her church, although I never lost my interest in that of the Episcopal church.

Under the date of 1843 you refer to Samuel Sherwell, a deacon in the church, and who acted as its Rector. I knew him well. He was one of the most eloquent preachers I ever heard in our State. In ministerial matters he was a very able man. He was an Englishman and accustomed to many English ways of living, and among other things he was a very hard drinker, getting gloriously drunk. This I know, as I boarded with him at the same hotel. He became at such times very abusive to his wife, which lead to the preferring of charges against him. He was tried and deposed from his sacred office. He then went to Tennessee, becoming Rector of a church there, when indulging in the same practice he was for the same cause removed by the Bishop of that diocese. He next sought a field of labor in Pennsyl-

vania, where a like result followed, when I lost all trace of him. In worldly matters he was an ignoramus. On one occasion a gentleman owning some timber land just north or rather east of the city, told him he might have all the wood he wanted for his own use if he would cut it. So borrowing an ax he went up Mad Creek, climbed a tree and commenced cutting off all the limbs as near the trunk as possible, so cut limb after limb until he got pretty well up to the top of the tree; he then threw his ax to the ground and commenced a descent, which was very awkward indeed, and which resulted in considerable rupture to his external garments. It so happened that some of our towns-people came along that way and witnessed the performance, and reported upon his ministerial dignity, which caused universal talk throughout the little village of that day. Such men ought to be kept in the pulpit, and not suffered to run at large, lest they bring disrepute upon our holy church.

I may mention another instance of some interest, though not of special importance in a church record. At an early period in its history the Rector came to me and asked me whether I would not gather together my associates among the young men of the village and decorate the church in a becoming manner for Christmas, to which I readily assented. The ground was all covered with snow those days, and all of my young associate gentlemen had horses an esleighs of their own, so we gathered together and went up some distance toward Pine Creek. We loaded our sleighs with cedar and returned, when we undertook the business of decoration late in the afternoon. But none of us young fellows being accustomed to the work, we made a poor job of it, and so concluded that we would call the young ladies to our assistance. As I was the leader of the body they extended to me the courtesy of making the first choice of the lady upon whom I would call and whose aid I should seek in this behalf. I selected the young lady who later became my wife, and it is one of the stories told of that day that of the twelve couples of us, who completed the decoration at an early hour in the evening and later took a sleigh ride, carrying with us our cans of cove ovsters to the village of Moscow, where we had them properly served, and that in less than six months seven of the young couples thus paired together were united in the holy bonds of wedlock. A like event, successful in its issue, I do not think ever occurred in connection with the decoration of an Episcopal or any other church in our State for Christmas or any other occasion. You may weave this, should you so desire, into such language as you may desire, and make of it an instance which had a bearing upon Episcopalianism of that early day. Your statement in regard to the connection between the lodge and the church in the crection of its building is correct, according to my recollection. Notwithstanding our good Bishop was opposed to the measure, he very wisely winked at it, only refusing to dedicate the church so long as the Masons kept the upper story. But we got along very nicely with him and the church.

Matthew Matthews, whose untimely death deprived the church of valu-



able services, was from his age and great experience in public official affairs, one of the most valuable citizens of Bloomington at that early day. He was active in the church, in the lodge, and in all enterprises having for their interest the welfare of the people of the village, among whom he had cast his lot at that early day.

I am glad that you have undertaken the task of writing a history of your church. In this I wish you most unbounded success.

Very Truly Yours,

T. S PARVIN.

REVIEW BY REV. EDWARD C. PAGET.

On Sunday, October 3, 1886, Trinity Church, after having been closed for about three months, was re-opened by the Rev. E. C. Paget, Canon of the Cathedral, Davenport, with a fair attendance. The Holy Communion was celebrated with about thirty communicants, and a choir consisting of Miss Jackson, Mrs. C. F. Garlock and Dr. C. H. Sterneman, with Miss G. Carskaddan at the organ, rendered the music of the services.

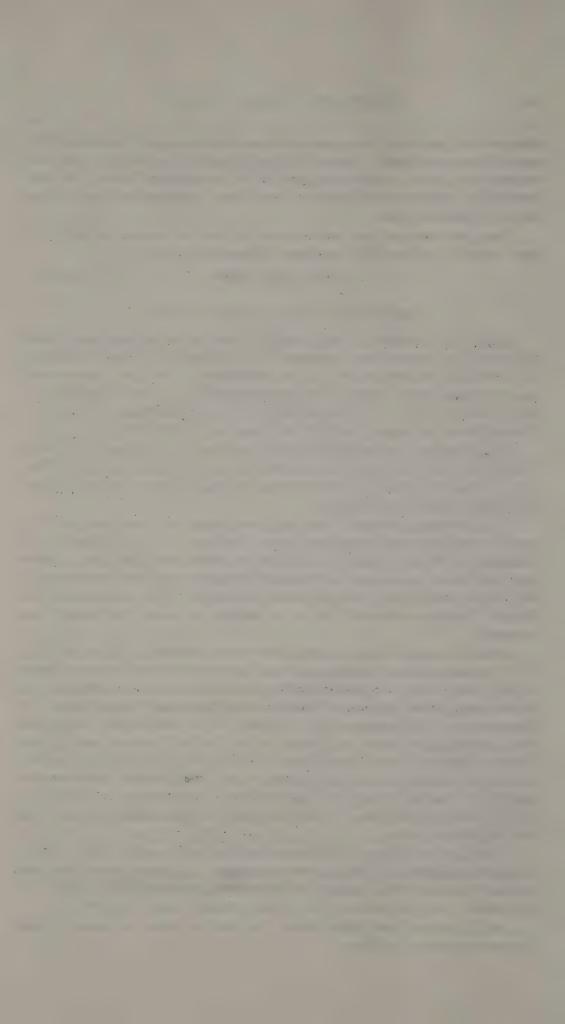
On November 7th first Harvest Thanksgiving was celebrated, the church being decorated with flowers and vegetables. Mrs. Foulke, Mrs. Little, Mrs. J. P. Walton and Mrs. T. N. Brown being among the most active heipers. There were large congregations.

The Christmas Festival was duly celebrated, and Lent observed with much devotion, a class of eighteen being confirmed by the Bishop at his visitation on Friday, April 1. At Easter the church was beautifully decorated, and there were over thirty communicants at the early celebration of the Holy Communion; 42 at the second celebration. The commandery of Knight Templars attended the 10:30 service, at which the church was crowded.

After the annual Parish meeting the vestry extended a call to the Rev. E. C. Paget to become Rector, which was accepted by him. In the summer of 1887 the Rector was absent for three and a half months in Europe, the Parish being under the care of the Rev. P. L. McDonald, Saint's Rector of Emmetsburg. On the return of the Rector for the third Sunday in September a house and lot were purchased by the Ladies' Rectory Society and Trinity Guild on East Fourth street for a Rectory for the sum of \$3,600, with improvements amounting to \$200 more. The Rectory was first occupied on St. Andrew's Day, 1887, and a service of benediction was held in it by the Bishop on December 3, who confirmed a supplementary class of four on the following day.

The Lent and Easter of 1888 were well observed, another class of thirteen being confirmed. The Rector was absent in Europe about two and one-half months in the summer, his place being supplied by the Rev. H. P. Scratchley, now head master of St. Alban's School, Knoxville, Ill.

At a Kermiss held after Easter the sum of \$240 was raised, which cleared the Rectory of debt.



In June, 1888, a Parochial Branch of the Women's Auxilliary to the Board was organized, which has continued to do good work in contributions and in Lenten work for a mission box.

In 1889, in Lent, a class of thirteen were confirmed, and a supplementary class of five on Ascension day.

On April 30th the Washington Centennial was observed at Trinity Church by a special service—The church was adorned by flags and bunting, the Mayor and City Council, the G. A. R. and the Rifle Corps attended, and there was hardly standing room. After a short but hearty service of praise an address was delivered by the Rector, which was subsequently published in the *Journal* by request, and then in pamphlet form. Old Trinity had never looked brighter, or more truly like the church of George Washington.

In the spring of 1889 a fine addition to the Rectory was undertaken by the ladies of the Guild; a large dining or Guild room, kitchen, three bedrooms and bath room were added at a cost of some \$1,200. The arrangements were under the able direction of Mr. T. N. Brown, who spent untiring thought and energy upon the work. Mr. J. H. Selden was the builder.

Later in the same year a fine furnace was placed in the church by Thompson Bros., the sum needed, nearly \$500, being raised largely through the energetic canvassing of Mr. J. G. H. Little, who helped to supervise the work.

Early in the year the church suffered a severe loss in the death by an accident of its devoted and beloved treasurer, Mr. W. H. Van Nostraud.

While the furnace was being put in place the church was closed, the Rector being absent in Canada during August.

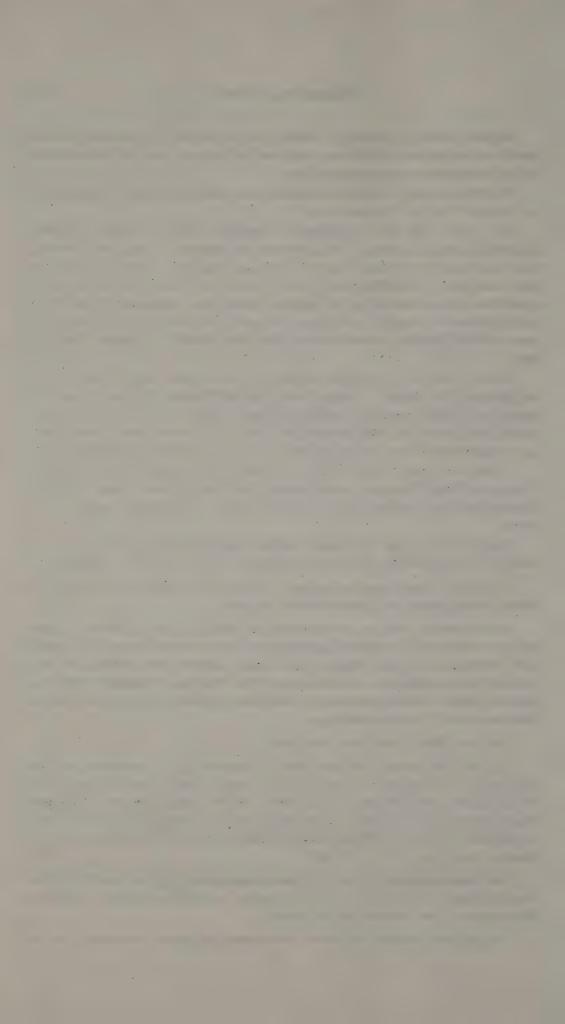
In November, 1889, a lot was given on East Hill for a Mission Chapel by Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Smith, and a pretty frame church 25x40 was erected and dedicated to All Saints, and was opened for service with a crowded congregation on the Festival of the Epiphany, January 6th, 1890. Sunday school and services have since been regularly held in it on Sunday afternoons and Tuesday evenings.

In Lent, 1890, three were confirmed.

In May the Rector suffered from a relapse of the influenza, and was compelled to be absent five months, the Parish being under the care of Mr. W. K. Berry, now the Rev. W. K. Berry, B. D., Head Master of Kemper Hall, Davenport, the Rector returning for the first Sunday in October. Late in the year one was confirmed at a visitation of the Bishop, and in the following Lent, 1891, a class of four.

On Decoration Day, 1801, the Rector was invited by the Shelby Norman Post of the G. A. R. to be orator of the day, and delivered the address at the cemetery, the weather being superb.

In July and August the Rector was absent in Europe, returning for the



first Sunday in September, the Rev. F. Howard, now Rector of Creston, having charge of the Parish.

In November, 1891, an entertainment was given by Mrs. Waldo Richards, and the Mignon Quartet, of this city, under the management of Mr. Harry Moore, which netted over \$100 to the Rectory Fund, and the final balance of the debt was cleared before Christmas from the proceeds of a sale of work.

The year 1892 opened somewhat gloomily from the prevalence of the influenza and the numerous deaths, among which Trinity has to mourn our old and faithful communicant, Mrs. Harriet Kennedy. Lent has begun, however, with renewed earnestness and good attendance, in spite of unpropitious weather. A visit from Archdeacon Hoyt on Sexagesima Sunday has resulted in the organizing of a cohort of the Sunday School Missionary Host of Iowa, with a good membership, Dr. C. H. Sterneman being commandant, as also vice-superintendent of the Sunday School.

The Rev. Joseph Vincent, late Rector of St. John's Harbour Island, the Bahamas, preached on the first Sunday in Lent, morning and evening.

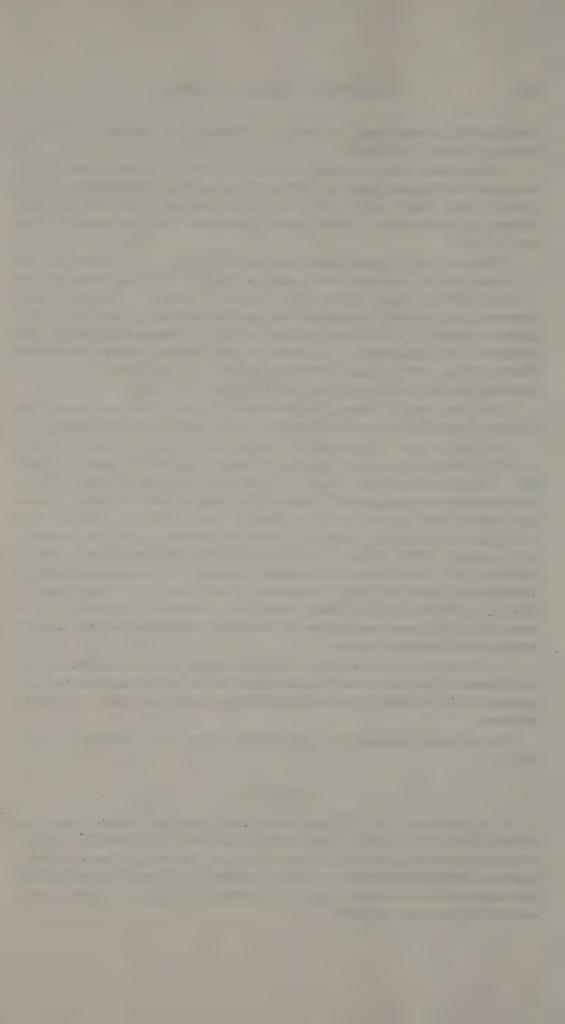
In conclusion we may thankfully admit that the past five and one-half years has witnessed a steady growth of church membership and spiritual life. The attendance at the weekly Eucharist has increased, and the average attendance at services probably trebled. One hundred and forty-nine infants and adults have been added to the church by holy baptism. Offerings are made more systematically from the Parish and Sunday school for missionary purposes. The Mission of St. Paul's, What Cheer, and of St. Mary's, Keokuk, have had churches built largely through the assistance rendered through the Rector of Trinity, Muscatine, who is dean of this convocation. Mission services have also been held from Muscatine occasionally in a school house in Lake township and at Wapello, in addition to the regular mission at All Saint's Chapel.

By a recent vote of the vestry a Parish Council has been constituted, to which men of the Parish may be nominated by the Rector, with advice and consent of the wardens, to advise and co-operate with the vestry in church matters.

Let us thank God and look forward with hope and confidence to the future.

FINALE.

It is now more than fifty years since the Episcopal Church was first started in our little hamlet, then confined to almost a single family. It now numbers more than a hundred families, with one hundred and ten communicants. During this half century many incidents may have occurred which were unpleasant at the time, but they are things of the past. At this time naught but harmony prevails.





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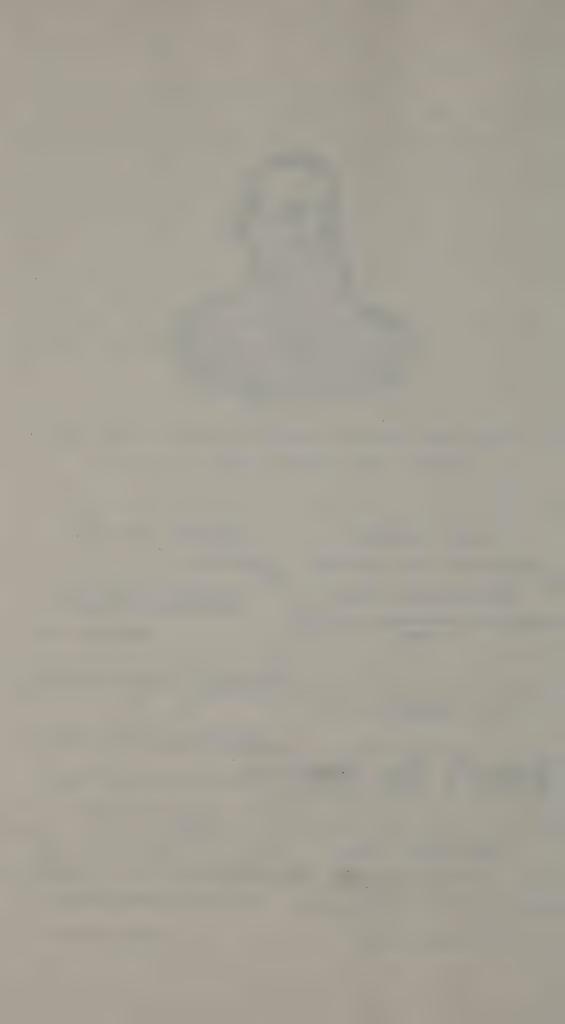
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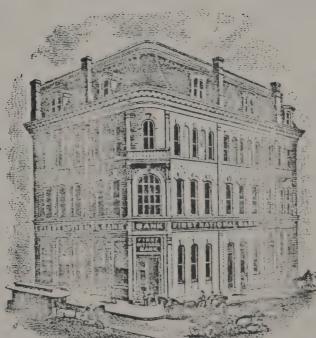
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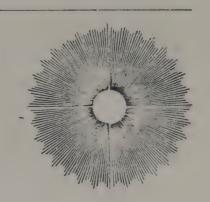
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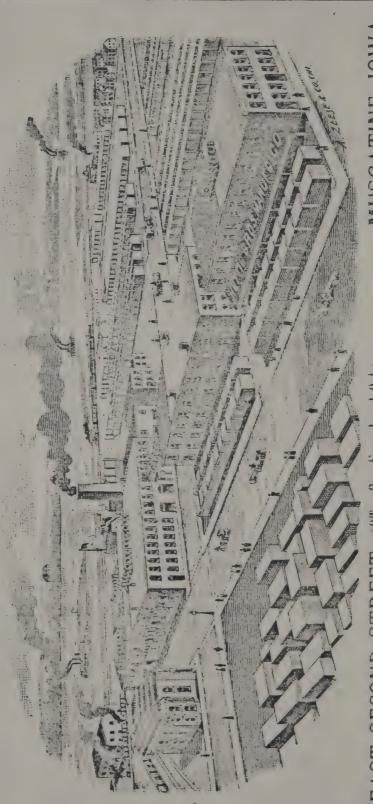
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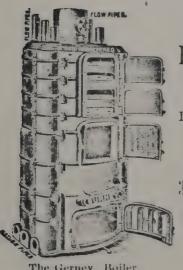
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